




EMLc

ATC codes: J01CE01

Indication	Bacterial meningitis <span>ICD11 code: <a href="#">8E71.0Z</a></span>
INN	Benzylpenicillin
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	<span>A ACCESS</span>
List type	Core (EML) (EMLc)
Formulations	Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 600 mg in vial powder for injection (=1 million IU as sodium or potassium salt) ; 3 g in vial powder for injection (=5 million IU as sodium or potassium salt)
EML status history	First added in 2025 ( <a href="#">TRS 1064</a> )
Sex	All
Age	Also recommended for children
Therapeutic alternatives	The recommendation is for this specific medicine
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more <a href="#">about patents</a> . 
Wikipedia	<a href="#">Benzylpenicillin</a> 
DrugBank	<a href="#">Benzylpenicillin</a> 

## Expert Committee recommendation

Listings of medicines for treatment of bacterial central nervous system infections are duplicated in this section from section 6.

## EML recommendations: Bacterial meningitis

**First choice**

**Second choice**

cefotaxime

ampicillin

ceftriaxone

benzylpenicillin

cefotaxime

amoxicillin

ceftriaxone

chloramphenicol

amoxicillin

ampicillin

benzylpenicillin

chloramphenicol

