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Essential medicine status

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ATC codes: [J01DD04](#)

EMLc

Indication

Bacterial meningitis ICD11 code: [8E71.OZ](#)

INN

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Medicine type

Chemical agent

Antibiotic groups

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List type

Core

Additional notes

Do not administer with calcium and avoid in infants with hyperbilirubinaemia.

Formulations

**Parenteral > General injections > unspecified:** 250 mg in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt) ; 500 mg in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt) ; 1 g in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt) ; 2 g in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt) (EML)

EML status history

First added in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#))

Sex

All

Age

Also recommended for children

Age restriction

> 41 weeks corrected gestational age

Therapeutic alternatives

The recommendation is for this specific medicine

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

Read more [about patents](#).

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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

First choice

[cefotaxime](#)

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Second choice

[ampicillin](#)

[benzylpenicillin](#)

[amoxicillin](#)

[chloramphenicol](#)

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