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		EMLc	ATC codes: J01BA01
Indication	Bacterial meningitis	ICD11 code: 8E71.0Z	
INN	Chloramphenicol		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
Antibiotic groups	A ACCESS		
List type	Core (EML) (EMLc)		
Additional notes	Oily suspension for injection formulation is only for the presumptive treatment of epidemic meningitis in children older than 2 years and in adults.		
Formulations	Parenteral > General injections > IV: 1 g in vial powder for injection (sodium succinate) Parenteral > General injections > IM: 500 mg in 2 mL ampoule oily suspension for injection		
EML status history	First added in 2025 (TRS 1064)		
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 about patents. 		
Wikipedia	Chloramphenicol 		
DrugBank	Chloramphenicol 		

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

