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Essential medicine status

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ATC codes: [J01GB03](#)

EMLc

Indication

Neonatal meningitis ICD11 code: [KA65.4](#)

INN

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Medicine type

Chemical agent

Antibiotic groups

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List type

Core

Formulations

Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 10 mg per mL in 2 mL vial (as sulfate) (EMLc) ; 40 mg per mL in 2 mL vial (as sulfate) (EMLc)

EML status history

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

Sex

All

Age

Newborn (< 1 month)

Therapeutic alternatives

The recommendation is for this specific medicine

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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Expert Committee recommendation



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

EML recommendations: Neonatal meningitis

First choice

Second choice

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Second choice

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