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		EMLc	ATC codes: J01DH02
Indication	Neonatal meningitis	ICD11 code: KA65.4	
INN	Meropenem		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
Antibiotic groups	 WATCH		
List type	Complementary (EML) (EMLc)		
Additional notes	imipenem + cilastatin is an alternative except for acute bacterial meningitis where meropenem is preferred.		
Formulations	Parenteral > General injections > IV: 500 mg in vial (as trihydrate) powder for injection (EMLc) ; 1 g in vial (as trihydrate) powder for injection (EMLc)		
EML status history	First added in 2025 (TRS 1064)		
Sex	All		
Age	Children (1 month - 12 years)		
Age restriction	> 3 months.		
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="#">Meropenem</a> 		
DrugBank	<a href="#">Meropenem</a> 		

## 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

gentamicin

gentamicin

### Second choice

meropenem

meropenem

