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Essential medicine status

Section:

[12. Cardiovascular medicines](#) [12.3. Antihypertensive medicines](#)

ATC codes: [C08CA01](#)

Indication

Essential hypertension ICD11 code: [BA00.Z](#)

INN

Amlodipine

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

Oral > Solid: 5 mg (as maleate, mesylate or besylate)

EML status history

First added in 2005 ([TRS 933](#))

Changed in 2021 ([TRS 1035](#))

Sex

All

Age

Adolescents and adults

Therapeutic alternatives

Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used

Therapeutic alternatives limitations

Therapeutic alternatives are medicines in the 4th level ATC chemical subgroup: C08CA Dihydropyridine derivatives

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended that medicines in 4th level ATC chemical subgroup, C08CA Dihydropyridine derivatives, be specified as therapeutic alternatives under the square box listing for amlodipine on the EML.