

## [Hydrochlorothiazide](#)

Essential medicine status

Section:

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

ATC codes: [C03AA03](#)

Indication

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

INN

Hydrochlorothiazide

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

**Oral > Liquid:** 50 mg per 5 mL

**Oral > Solid:** 25 mg ; 12.5 mg

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#))

Changed in 1979 ([TRS 641](#))

Changed in 1987 ([TRS 770](#))

Changed in 1991 ([TRS 825](#))

Changed in 1997 ([TRS 882](#))

Changed in 2009 ([TRS 958](#))

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

Sex

All

Age

Adolescents and adults

Therapeutic alternatives

[chlorothiazide](#) (ATC codes: [C03AA04](#))

[chlortalidone](#) (ATC codes: [C03BA04](#))

[indapamide](#) (ATC codes: [C03BA11](#))

Patent information

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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 chlorothiazide, chlortalidone and indapamide be specified as therapeutic alternatives under the square box listing for hydrochlorothiazide on the EML for this indication.