### Codeine

**Indication**  
| Pain | ICD11 code: ML0Z |

**Medicine type**  
Chemical agent

**List type**  
Core

**Formulations**  
Oral > Solid: 30 mg tablet (codeine phosphate)

**EML status history**  
First added in 1984 (TRS 722)

**Sex**  
All

**Age**  
Adolescents and adults

**Therapeutic alternatives**  
The recommendation is for this specific medicine

**Patent information**  
Patents have expired in most jurisdictions  
Read more about patents.

**Wikipedia**  
Codeine

**DrugBank**  
Codeine

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### Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Codeine was added to the core list of the EML as an opioid analgesic in 1984 in addition to its original listings as an antitussive and antidiarrhoeal. A square box symbol was added to the analgesic listing in 1988 to accommodate alternative drugs. The square box was removed in 2003 following a review.