Codeine

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ATC codes: Pending

Indication	Pain ICD11 code: MG3Z
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

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.