### Sodium nitroprusside

**Indication**: Hypertensive crisis  
**ICD11 code**: BA03

**Medicine type**: Chemical agent

**List type**: Complementary

**Formulations**: Parenteral > General injections > IV: 50 mg in ampoule powder for infusion

**EML status history**
- First added in 1979 (TRS 641)
- Changed in 1982 (TRS 685)
- Changed in 1987 (TRS 770)
- Changed in 2003 (TRS 920)

**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**: Sodium nitroprusside

**DrugBank**: Nitroprusside

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

Following a review of square box listings on the EML, the square box symbol was removed for sodium nitroprusside.