### Sodium nitroprusside

**Section:** 12. Cardiovascular medicines  >  12.3. Antihypertensive medicines

**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**
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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.