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Essential medicine status

Section:

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

ATC codes: [C02DD01](#)

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

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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.