### Dopamine

**Section:** 12. Cardiovascular medicines → 12.4. Medicines used in heart failure

**Indication**
- Cardiogenic shock

**INN**
- Dopamine

**Medicine type**
- Chemical agent

**List type**
- Complementary

**Formulations**
- Parenteral > General injections > IV: 40 mg per mL in 5 mL vial (hydrochloride)

**EML status history**
- First added in 1977 (TRS 615)
- Changed in 1979 (TRS 641)
- Changed in 2003 (TRS 920)
- Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)

**Sex**
- All

**Age**
- Also recommended for children

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

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

**Wikipedia**
- [Dopamine](#)

**DrugBank**
- [Dopamine](#)

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

The EMLc Subcommittee endorsed the inclusion of dopamine on the complementary list of the EMLc. The Subcommittee requested a review of other medicines used as inotropes in children for its next meeting.