13. Dermatological medicines (topical) > Antifungal medicines

**Terbinafine**

**Indication**
Fungal infection of the skin

**INN**
Terbinafine

**Medicine type**
Chemical agent

**List type**
Core

**Formulations**
- Local > Topical > Cream: 1% terbinafine hydrochloride
- Local > Topical > Ointment: 1% terbinafine hydrochloride

**EML status history**
First added in 2011 (TRS 965)

**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**
Terbinafine

**DrugBank**
Terbinafine

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

Following a review of dermatological medicines on the Model Lists prepared by the International League of Dermatological Societies, the Expert Committee recommended the addition of terbinafine cream and ointment to the core list of the EML and EMLc. The Committee noted that although terbinafine ointment is reported to be more effective than 1% azoles for the treatment of tinea pedis, the evidence provided in the review was not sufficient to support this claim. It is relatively expensive, but is increasingly available from generic sources.