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Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [D01AE15](#)

EMLc

Indication

Fungal infection of the skin ICD11 code: [EA60.Z](#)

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

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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.