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Essential medicine status

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ATC codes: [D01AE12](#)

EMLc

Indication

Seborrhoeic dermatitis ICD11 code: [EA81.Z](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

**Local > Topical > Solution:** 5%

EML status history

First added in 1979 ([TRS 641](#))

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

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The EMLc Subcommittee endorsed the inclusion of salicylic acid 5% topical solution on the core list of the EMLc. The risks of using salicylic acid in young children were noted.