**Indication** | Scabies | **ICD11 code:** 1G74
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**INN** | Benzyl alcohol
**Medicine type** | Chemical agent
**List type** | Core
**Formulations** | Local > Topical > Lotion: 25%
**EML status history** | First added in 1977 (TRS 615)
| Changed in 1979 (TRS 641)
| Changed in 1997 (TRS 882)
| Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)
**Sex** | All
**Age** | Also recommended for children
**Age restriction** | > 2 years
**Therapeutic alternatives** | Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used
**Patent information** | Patents have expired in most jurisdictions
| Read more about patents.
**Wikipedia** | Benzyl benzoate
**DrugBank** | Benzyl benzoate

### Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The EMLc Subcommittee endorsed the inclusion of benzyl benzoate lotion, with a square box, on the core list of the EMLc as a topical scabicide and pediculicide. The age restrictions on the use of benzyl benzoate were recognized as a problem, however the addition of these to the Model List may provide an incentive for further development of preparations suitable for younger children (particularly < 2 years of age). Alternatives for this age group need to be considered for addition to the list.