Barium sulfate

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EMLc | ATC codes: V08BA01

Indication	Barium sulfate with suspending agents ICD11 code: XM2MR0
Medicine type	Diagnostic agent
List type	Core (EML) Complementary (EMLc)
Formulations	**Oral > Liquid:** Aqueous suspension
EML status history	First added in 1977 (TRS 615) Changed in 1979 (TRS 641) Changed in 1984 (TRS 722) Changed in 1987 (TRS 770) 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	Barium sulfate
DrugBank	Barium sulfate

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Given that barium sulfate is administered in specialized facilities under the supervision of radiologists, the Subcommittee endorsed the inclusion of barium sulfate on the complementary list of the EMLc. The EMLc Subcommittee noted concerns expressed about the licensing status of barium sulfate for use in children. The EMLc Subcommittee considered that an expert review of this area in relation to the imaging of children should be provided for the next meeting.