### Chlorhexidine

**Indication:** Chlorhexidine  
**INN:** Chlorhexidine  
**Medicine type:** Chemical agent  
**List type:** Core  
**Formulations:** Local > Topical > Solution: 5% (digluconate) for dilution  
**EML status history:**  
- First added in 1979 (TRS 641)  
- Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)  
- Changed in 2009 (TRS 958)  
- Changed in 2013 (TRS 985)  
- Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035)  
**Sex:** All  
**Age:** Also recommended for children  
**Therapeutic alternatives:** Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used  
**Therapeutic alternatives limitations:** Therapeutic alternatives to be reviewed (2023)  
**Patent information:** Patents have expired in most jurisdictions  
Read more about patents.  
**Wikipedia:** Chlorhexidine  
**DrugBank:** Chlorhexidine

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### Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended the therapeutic alternatives for chlorhexidine be reviewed.