Chlorhexidine

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EMLc | ATC codes: D08AC02

Indication	Chlorhexidine ICD11 code: XM7DZ3
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)
Therapeutic alternatives limitations for EMLc	Therapeutic alternatives to be reviewed (2023)
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Chlorhexidine
DrugBank	Chlorhexidine

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.