### Ethanol

#### Essential medicine status

**Indication**: Denatured alcohol  
**ICD11 code**: XM3094

**Medicine type**: Chemical agent

**List type**: Core

**Formulations**: Local > Topical > Solution: 70% (denatured)

**EML status history**:  
- First added in 1999 ([TRS 895](#))  
- Changed in 2007 ([TRS 950](#))  
- Changed in 2021

**Sex**: All

**Age**: Also recommended for children

**Therapeutic alternatives**: Propanol (ATC codes: D08AX03)

**Patent information**: Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

### Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended propanol be specified as a therapeutic alternative under the square box listing for ethanol on the EML and EMLc.