15. Antiseptics and disinfectants

15.1. Antiseptics

Ethanol

**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 (TRS 1035)

**Sex**: All

**Age**: Also recommended for children

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

**Patent information**: Patents have expired in most jurisdictions  
Read more about patents.

**Wikipedia**: Ethanol

**DrugBank**: Ethanol

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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 propanol be specified as a therapeutic alternative under the square box listing for ethanol on the EML and EMLc.