Ethanol

Essential medicine status

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EMLc | ATC codes: D08AX08

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

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.