

[Povidone iodine](#)

Essential medicine status

Section:

[15. Antiseptics and disinfectants 15.1. Antiseptics](#)

ATC codes: [D08AG02](#)

EMLc

Indication

Povidone iodine ICD11 code: [XM24J7](#)

INN

Povidone

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

**Local > Topical > Solution:** 10% (equivalent to 1% available iodine)

EML status history

First added in 1993 ([TRS 850](#))

Changed in 2007 ([TRS 950](#))

Changed in 2021 ([TRS 1035](#))

Sex

All

Age

Also recommended for children

Therapeutic alternatives

[iodine](#) (ATC codes: [D08AG03](#))

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

Read more [about patents](#).

Wikipedia

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DrugBank

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