Povidone iodine

Essential medicine status

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EMLc | ATC codes: D08AG02

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	Povidone iodine
DrugBank	Povidone iodine (Povidone-iodine)

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.