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Essential medicine status

Section:

[16. Diuretics](#)

ATC codes: [C03AA03](#)

EMLc

Indication

Oedema ICD11 code: [MG29.Z](#)

INN

Hydrochlorothiazide

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core (EML)

Complementary (EMLc)

Formulations

Oral > Solid > dosage form: 25 mg ; 12.5 mg (EMLc)

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#))

Changed in 1979 ([TRS 641](#))

Changed in 1987 ([TRS 770](#))

Changed in 2003 ([TRS 920](#))

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

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

Changed in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#))

Sex

All

Age

Also recommended for children

Therapeutic alternatives

Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used

Therapeutic alternatives limitations

Therapeutic alternatives are chlorothiazide, chlortalidone and indapamide

Therapeutic alternatives limitations for EMLc

Therapeutic alternatives are chlorothiazide and chlortalidone

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - the addition of hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg tablets to the EMLc