Omeprazole

Essential medicine status ✓

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EMLc | ATC codes: A02BC01

Indication	Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease ICD11 code: DA22.Z
INN	Omeprazole
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core
Formulations	**Oral > Liquid:** 1 mg per mL powder for oral liquid ; 4 mg per mL powder for oral liquid **Oral > Solid > dosage form:** 10 mg ; 20 mg ; 40 mg
EML status history	First added in 2009 (TRS 958) 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 medicines in the 4th level ATC chemical subgroup A02BC Proton pump inhibitors (excluding combinations)
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Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Omeprazole
DrugBank	Omeprazole

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - the deletion of omeprazole powder for oral liquid 20 mg and 40 mg sachets; - the addition of omeprazole powder for oral liquid 1 mg/mL and 4 mg/mL.