### Hydrocortisone

**Indication**: Ulcerative colitis  
**ICD11 code**: DD91.Z

**INN**: Hydrocortisone  
**Medicine type**: Chemical agent  
**List type**: Complementary

**Formulations**:  
- Local > Rectal > Suppository: 25 mg (acetate)  
- Local > Rectal > Retention enema: 100 mg per 60 mL

**EML status history**:  
- First added in 1987 (TRS 770)  
- Changed in 1997 (TRS 882)  
- Changed in 1999 (TRS 895)  
- Changed in 2003 (TRS 920)  
- Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035)

**Sex**: All  
**Age**: Adolescents and adults

**Therapeutic alternatives**: The recommendation is for this specific medicine

**Patent information**: Patents have expired in most jurisdictions  
Read more about patents.

**Wikipedia**: [Hydrocortisone](#)  
**DrugBank**: [Hydrocortisone](#)

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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 removal of the square box listing for hydrocortisone retention enema, and that a separate listing for prednisolone retention enema be added to the core list of the EML.