

## [Hydrocortisone](#)

Essential medicine status

Section:

[17. Gastrointestinal medicines](#) [17.3. Anti-inflammatory medicines](#)

ATC codes: [A07EA02](#)

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

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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.