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Essential medicine status

Section:

[17. Gastrointestinal medicines 17.4. Laxatives](#)

ATC codes: [A06AB06](#)

Indication

Constipation ICD11 code: [MG30](#)

Medicine type

Plant-derived medicine

List type

Core

Formulations

Oral > Solid: 7.5 mg (sennosides) (or traditional dosage forms)

EML status history

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

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

Changed in 1984 ([TRS 722](#))

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

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

Sex

All

Age

Adolescents and adults

Therapeutic alternatives

[bisacodyl](#) (ATC codes: [A06AB02](#))

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 bisacodyl be specified as a therapeutic alternative under the square box listing for senna on the EML.