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Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [A12CB01](#)

EMLc

Indication

Diarrhoea ICD11 code: [MG31](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Additional notes

* In acute diarrhoea, zinc sulfate should be used as an adjunct to oral rehydration salts

Formulations

Oral > Solid > dispersible tablet: 20 mg (scored)

EML status history

First added in 2005 ([TRS 933](#))

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

Changed in 2011 ([TRS 965](#))

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

Sex

All

Age

Also recommended for children

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 the age-appropriateness of formulations for children, the Expert Committee recommended: - to modify the formulation description to better describe the available dosage forms.