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Essential medicine status

Section:

[18. Medicines for endocrine disorders 18.1. Adrenal hormones and synthetic substitutes](#)

ATC codes: [H02AB09](#)

EMLc

Indication

Adrenocortical insufficiency ICD11 code: [5A74](#)

INN

Hydrocortisone

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

Oral > Solid > tablet: 5 mg ; 10 mg ; 20 mg

Oral > Solid > granules: 0.5 mg in capsule (EMLc) ; 1 mg in capsule (EMLc) ; 2 mg in capsule (EMLc) ; 5 mg in capsule (EMLc)

EML status history

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

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

Removed in 2003 ([TRS 920](#))

Added in 2009 ([TRS 958](#))

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 on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - the addition of hydrocortisone granules (in capsule) 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 2 mg and 5 mg to the EMLc for the treatment of adrenal insufficiency.