

EMLc

Codes ATC: H02AB09

Indication	Adrenocortical insufficiency Code ICD11: 5A74
INN	Hydrocortisone
Type de médicament	Chemical agent
Type de liste	Liste de base (EML) (EMLc)
Formulations	Oral > Solid: 5 mg ; 10 mg ; 20 mg
Historique des statuts LME	Ajouté pour la première fois en 1977 (TRS 615) Modifié en 1979 (TRS 641) Retiré en 2003 (TRS 920) Ajouté en 2009 (TRS 958)
Sexe	Tous
Âge	Aussi recommandé pour les enfants
Équivalence thérapeutique	La recommandation concerne ce médicament spécifique
Renseignements sur le brevet	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Lire la suite sur les brevets. 
Wikipédia	Hydrocortisone 
DrugBank	Hydrocortisone 

Résumé des preuves et recommandation du comité d'experts

The EMLc Subcommittee considered the application for the inclusion of the adrenal hormones fludrocortisone and hydrocortisone to the EMLc. Numerous external comments in support of the proposal were received from health professionals, associations and individuals. The Subcommittee noted that hydrocortisone and fludrocortisone are used in the management of primary and secondary aldosterone deficiency caused by congenital adrenal hyperplasia and Addison disease, that both medications are licensed for use in all ages, and that treatment should be of lifelong duration. It was noted that fludrocortisone is currently the only mineralocorticoid available for aldosterone replacement in congenital adrenal hyperplasia, and that consequently there are no comparative efficacy or safety studies for the management of mineralocorticoid deficiency in congenital adrenal hyperplasia. The application identified a retrospective study of 484 patients from five European countries, which demonstrated a decrease in mortality rate from 11.9% in untreated patients to 4.3% in those patients who were treated with fludrocortisone (1). Only one small study (2) of nine patients comparing hydrocortisone with prednisone for the management of congenital adrenal hyperplasia was included in the application. It showed that prednisolone had significantly greater adverse effects on growth than hydrocortisone. It was acknowledged however that the use of other glucocorticoids such as dexamethasone and prednisolone is generally avoided in children due to adverse effects on growth. The Subcommittee agreed that fludrocortisone and hydrocortisone are both essential medicines for the management of congenital adrenal hyperplasia and adrenal insufficiency in children, and included them on the EMLc. Hydrocortisone was also added to the EML to provide concordance with the EMLc. References: 1. Kovacs J et al. Lessons from 30 years of clinical diagnosis and treatment of congenital adrenal hyperplasia in five middle-European countries. *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*, 2001, 86:2958–64. 2. Spritzer P et al. Cyproterone acetate versus hydrocortisone treatment in late-onset adrenal hyperplasia. *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*, 1990, 70:642–6.

