### Section: 16. Diuretics

**Spironolactone**

**Essential medicine status**

**ATC codes:** C03DA01

**Indication**
- Oedema

**ICD11 code:** MG29.Z

**INN**
- Spironolactone

**Medicine type**
- Chemical agent

**List type**
- Core (EML)
- Complementary (EMLc)

**Formulations**
- Oral > Liquid: 5 mg per 5 mL (EMLc); 10 mg per 5 mL (EMLc); 25 mg per 5 mL (EMLc)
- Oral > Solid > tablet: 25 mg

**EML status history**
- First added in 1977 (TRS 615)
- Removed in 1979 (TRS 641)
- Added in 1982 (TRS 685)
- Changed in 1987 (TRS 770)
- Changed in 1997 (TRS 882)
- Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)
- Changed in 2009 (TRS 958)

**Sex**
- All

**Age**
- Also recommended for children

**Therapeutic alternatives**
- The recommendation is for this specific medicine

**Patent information**
- Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

**Wikipedia**
- [Spironolactone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spironolactone)

**DrugBank**
- [Spironolactone](https://www.drugbank.ca/drugs/DB00968)

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

The EMLc Subcommittee recommended the strengths of spironolactone oral liquid be changed from 1-20 mg/mL to 5 mg/5mL, 10mg/5mL and 25 mg/5 mL.