Spironolactone

Essential medicine status

Section: 16. Diuretics

EMLc | ATC codes: C03DA01

Indication	Oedema ICD11 code: MG29.Z
INN	Spironolactone
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core (EML) Complementary (EMLc)
Formulations	**Oral > Liquid:** 25 mg per 5 mL (EMLc) **Oral > Solid > tablet:** 25 mg ; 12.5 mg (EMLc)
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) 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 Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Spironolactone
DrugBank	Spironolactone

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 spironolactone 12.5 mg tablets to the EMLc; - the deletion of the 5 mg/5 mL and 10 mg/5mL strengths of spironolactone oral liquid because of unavailability as proprietary products.