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Essential medicine status

Section:

[2. Medicines for pain and palliative care](#) [2.3. Medicines for other common symptoms in palliative care](#)

ATC codes: [A06AA02](#)

EMLc

Indication

Palliative care ICD11 code: [QC7A](#)

INN

Docusate sodium

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

**Oral > Liquid:** 50 mg per 5 mL ; 12.5 mg per 5 mL (EMLc)

**Oral > Solid > capsule:** 100 mg (EML)

EML status history

First added in 2009 ([TRS 958](#))

Changed in 2013 ([TRS 985](#))

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 docusate sodium oral liquid 12.5 mg/5 mL to the EMLc; - the deletion of docusate sodium 100 mg capsules from the EMLc.