### Medroxyprogesterone acetate

**Indication**
- Excessive menstruation with irregular cycle

**INN**
- Medroxyprogesterone

**Medicine type**
- Chemical agent

**List type**
- Core

**Formulations**
- Oral > Solid: 5 mg

**EML status history**
- First added in 1993 (TRS 850)
- Changed in 2005 (TRS 933)
- Changed in 2011 (TRS 965)
- Changed in 2021

**Sex**
- Female

**Age**
- Adolescents and adults

**Therapeutic alternatives**
- norethisterone (ATC codes: G03DC02)

**Patent information**
- Patents have expired in most jurisdictions
  - Read more about patents.

**Wikipedia**
- Medroxyprogesterone acetate

**DrugBank**
- Medroxyprogesterone acetate

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### Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended norethisterone be specified as a therapeutic alternative under the square box listing for medroxyprogesterone acetate on the EML for this indication.