### Atracurium

#### Essential medicine status

**Indication**
Muscle relaxants

**INN**
Atracurium besilate

**Medicine type**
Chemical agent

**List type**
Core

**Formulations**
Parenteral > General injections > IV: 10 mg per mL (besylate)

**EML status history**
- First added in 2011 (TRS 965)
- Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035)

**Sex**
All

**Age**
Adolescents and adults

**Therapeutic alternatives**
Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used

**Therapeutic alternatives limitations**
Therapeutic alternatives to be reviewed (2023)

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

**Wikipedia**
Atracurium

**DrugBank**
Atracurium (Atracurium besylate)

### Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended the therapeutic alternatives for atracurium be reviewed.