## Suxamethonium

### Essential medicine status

**Indication:** Muscle relaxants  
**INN:** Suxamethonium chloride  
**Medicine type:** Chemical agent  
**List type:** Core

**Formulations:** Parenteral > General injections > IV: 50 mg per mL in 2 mL ampoule (suxamethonium chloride); powder for injection (suxamethonium chloride) in vial

**EML status history:**  
- First added in 1977 (TRS 615)  
- Changed in 1979 (TRS 641)  
- Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)

**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:** [Suxamethonium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suxamethonium)  
**DrugBank:** [Suxamethonium (Succinylcholine)](https://www.drugbank.ca/drugs/DB00001)

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### Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The EMLc Subcommittee endorsed suxamethonium for inclusion in the EMLc.