## Suxamethonium

**Section:** 20. Muscle relaxants (peripherally-acting) and cholinesterase inhibitors

**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](#)

**DrugBank:** [Suxamethonium (Succinylcholine)](

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### Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The EMLc Subcommittee endorsed suxamethonium for inclusion in the EMLc.