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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: [A06AD11](#)

EMLc

Indication

Palliative care ICD11 code: [QC7A](#)

INN

Lactulose

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

Oral > Liquid: 3.3 to 3.4 g per 5 mL oral liquid (EMLc)

EML status history

First added in 2011 ([TRS 965](#))

Changed in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#))

Sex

All

Age

Children (1 month - 12 years)

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: - to update the strength range for lactulose oral liquid to 3.3 to 3.4 g/5 mL on the EMLc.