

## [Methadone](#)

Essential medicine status

Section:

[2. Medicines for pain and palliative care 2.2. Opioid analgesics](#)

ATC codes: [N07BC02](#)

EMLc

Indication

Chronic cancer pain ICD11 code: [ML00.10](#)

INN

Methadone

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Complementary

Additional notes

For the management of cancer pain

Formulations

**Oral > Liquid:** 5 mg per 5 mL (methadone hydrochloride) ; 25 mg per 5 mL (methadone hydrochloride) ; 50 mg per 5 mL concentrate for oral liquid (methadone hydrochloride) (EML) ; 10 mg per mL concentrate for oral liquid (methadone hydrochloride) (EML)

**Oral > Solid > tablet:** 5 mg (methadone hydrochloride) ; 10 mg (methadone hydrochloride) (EML)

EML status history

First added in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#))

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

Sex

All

Age

Also recommended for children

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 for children on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - the deletion of methadone tablet 10 mg from the EMLc; - the deletion of methadone oral liquid 10 mg/5 mL from the EMLc; - the deletion of methadone concentrate for oral liquid 10 mg/mL from the EMLc - to modify the formulation descriptions of methadone concentrate for oral liquid to better describe the available dosage forms.