Methadone

Section: 2. Medicines for pain and palliative care > 2.2. Opioid analgesics

EMLc ATC codes: N07BC02

Indication	Chronic cancer pain ICD11 code: MG30.10
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 Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Methadone
DrugBank	Methadone

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.