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Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [N01AX13](#)

EMLc

Indication

Anaesthetics and therapeutic gases ICD11 code: [XM1880792884](#)

Medicine type

Gas

List type

Core

Formulations

**Respiratory > Inhalation:**

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#))

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

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The EMLc Subcommittee endorsed the inclusion of nitrous oxide as an inhalational anaesthetic for use in children on the core list of the EMLc.