### Nitrous oxide

**Indication** | Anaesthetics and therapeutic gases  
|---|---
**Medicine type** | Gas  
**List type** | Core (EML)  
(EMLc)  
**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  
Read more about patents.  
**Wikipedia** | Nitrous oxide  
**DrugBank** | Nitrous oxide  

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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.