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Essential medicine status

Section:

[22. Medicines for reproductive health and perinatal care 22.3. Uterotonics](#)

ATC codes: [G02AD06](#)

Indication

Unspecified obstetric condition ICD11 code: [JB6Z](#)

INN

Misoprostol

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Additional notes

only for use for induction of labour where appropriate facilities are available.

Formulations

Local > Vaginal > tablet: 25 µg

EML status history

First added in 2005 ([TRS 933](#))

Changed in 2011 ([TRS 965](#))

Sex

Female

Age

Adolescents and adults

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

As part of the recommendation to include misoprostol 200 mcg oral tablets on the EML for the prevention of post-partum haemorrhage, the Expert Committee recommended moving misoprostol from the complementary to the core list, and the addition of a note for the 25 microgram vaginal tablet stating "Only for use for induction of labour where appropriate facilities are available".