### Lithium carbonate

**Indication**
Bipolar or related disorders

**ICD11 code:** 6A8Z

**Medicine type**
Chemical agent

**List type**
Core

**Formulations**
Oral > Solid: 300 mg

**EML status history**
- First added in 1977 (TRS 615)
- Changed in 1979 (TRS 641)
- Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)

**Sex**
All

**Age**
Adolescents and adults

**Therapeutic alternatives**
The recommendation is for this specific medicine

**Patent information**
Patents have expired in most jurisdictions
Read more about patents.

**Wikipedia**
[Lithium carbonate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lithium_carbonate)

**DrugBank**
[Lithium carbonate (Lithium)](https://www.drugbank.ca/drugs/DB00024)

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

The EMLc Subcommittee decided not to list any medicines in the EMLc for the management of bipolar disorder at this time, but to seek a review of the management of bipolar disorder in children.