### Lithium carbonate

**Indication** | Bipolar or related disorders  
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**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** 

**Patent information**
- Patents have expired in most jurisdictions  
  Read more about patents. ![patent](#)

**Wikipedia** | [Lithium carbonate](#)

**DrugBank** | [Lithium carbonate (Lithium)](#)

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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.