Lithium carbonate

Essential medicine status

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ATC codes: N05AN01

Indication	Bipolar or related disorders ICD11 code: 6A6Z
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
DrugBank	Lithium carbonate (Lithium)

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.