Budesonide + formoterol

Section: 25. Medicines acting on the respiratory tract > 25.1. Antiasthmatic and medicines for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

ATC codes: R03AK07

Indication	Asthma ICD11 code: CA23
INN	Budesonide + formoterol
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core
Formulations	**Respiratory > Inhalation > powder:** 100 µg + 6 µg per dose actuation in dry powder inhaler ; 200 µg + 6 µg per dose actuation in dry powder inhaler
EML status history	First added in 2017 (TRS 1006) Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035) Changed in 2025 (TRS 1064)
Sex	All
Age	Adolescents and adults
Therapeutic alternatives	budesonide + salmeterol (ATC codes: R03AK12) beclometasone + formoterol (ATC codes: R03AK08) mometasone + formoterol (ATC codes: R03AK09) fluticasone + formoterol (ATC codes: R03AK11) fluticasone furoate + vilanterol (ATC codes: R03AK10)
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Budesonide + formoterol
DrugBank	Budesonide, Formoterol

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations of essential medicines for children, the Expert Committee recommended the following changes to the listing of budesonide + formoterol on the EML: - update the listing description of inhalation delivery systems for consistency across the Model Lists and to better reflect product characteristics.