## Salbutamol

**Indication** | Asthma  | ICD11 code: CA23  
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**INN** | Salbutamol  
**Medicine type** | Chemical agent  
**List type** | Core (EML) (EMLc)  
**Formulations**
- Parenteral > General injections > IV: 50 µg per mL in 5 mL ampoule (as sulfate)
- Respiratory > Inhalation > aerosol: 100 µg per dose (as sulfate); 100 µg per dose (as sulfate) metered-dose inhaler
- Respiratory > Inhalation > solution: 5 mg per mL (as sulfate) for use in nebulizers  
**EML status history**
- First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](https://www.who.int_ROUND_1.html))
- Changed in 1979 ([TRS 641](https://www.who.int_ROUND_1.html))
- Changed in 1984 ([TRS 722](https://www.who.int_ROUND_1.html))
- Changed in 1987 ([TRS 770](https://www.who.int_ROUND_1.html))
- Changed in 1991 ([TRS 825](https://www.who.int_ROUND_1.html))
- Changed in 2007 ([TRS 950](https://www.who.int_ROUND_1.html))
- Changed in 2009 ([TRS 958](https://www.who.int_ROUND_1.html))
- Changed in 2011 ([TRS 965](https://www.who.int_ROUND_1.html))
- Changed in 2021 ([TRS 1035](https://www.who.int_ROUND_1.html))  
**Sex** | All  
**Age** | Also recommended for children  
**Therapeutic alternatives** | terbutaline (ATC codes: R03CC03)  
**Patent information** | Patents have expired in most jurisdictions  
Read more about patents.  
**Wikipedia** | [Salbutamol](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salbutamol)  
**DrugBank** | [Salbutamol](https://www.drugbank.ca/drugs/Salbutamol)  

### Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended terbutaline be specified as a therapeutic alternatives under the square box listing for salbutamol on the EML and EMLc for this indication.