### Potassium chloride

#### Indication
Hypokalaemia

#### ATC codes:
B05XA01

#### Essential medicine status
- **EMLc**: Yes

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#### ICD11 code:
5C57

#### Medicine type
Chemical agent

#### List type
Core

#### Formulations
Parenteral > General injections > IV:
- 11.2% in 20 mL ampoule (equivalent to K+ 1.5 mmol/mL and Cl- 1.5 mmol/mL) (EML);
- 7.5% solution for dilution (equivalent to K+ 1 mmol/mL and Cl- 2 mmol/mL) (EMLc);
- 15% solution for dilution (equivalent to K+ 2 mmol/mL and Cl- 2 mmol/mL) (EMLc)

#### EML status history
- First added in 1977 (TRS 615)
- Changed in 1979 (TRS 641)
- Changed in 1989 (TRS 796)
- Changed in 1991 (TRS 825)
- Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)
- Changed in 2009 (TRS 958)

#### Sex
All

#### Age
Also recommended for children

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

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

#### Wikipedia
Potassium chloride

#### DrugBank
Potassium chloride

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

The EMLc Subcommittee recommended the addition of two new strengths of potassium chloride IV solution for dilution (7.5% and 15%). The Subcommittee also recommended the deletion of the 11.2% strength from the EMLc. It remains listed on the EML.