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Essential medicine status

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ATC codes: [B05XA01](#)

EMLc

Indication

Hypokalaemia ICD11 code: [5C57](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

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

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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.