### Ascorbic acid

**Essential medicine status**

**ATC codes:**

A11GA01  EMLc

**Indication**

Scurvy  ICD11 code: SB56.0

**INN**

Ascorbic acid

**Medicine type**

Chemical agent

**List type**

Core

**Formulations**

Oral > Solid: 50 mg

**EML status history**

- First added in 1977 (TRS 615)
- Changed in 1979 (TRS 641)
- Changed in 1987 (TRS 770)
- Changed in 1993 (TRS 850)
- Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)

**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**

Ascorbic acid

**DrugBank**

Ascorbic acid (Vitamin C)

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

The EMLc Subcommittee endorsed the inclusion of ascorbic acid on the EMLc for the treatment of scurvy. The Subcommittee discussed the need for a higher strength tablet of ascorbic acid, but decided not to add another formulation at this time.