

[Ascorbic acid](#)

Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [A11GA01](#)

EMLc

Indication

Scurvy ICD11 code: [5B56.0](#)

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

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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.