Ergocalciferol

Section: 27. Vitamins and minerals

Indication | Calcium deficiency | ICD11 code: 5B5K.1Z
INN | Ergocalciferol
Medicine type | Chemical agent
List type | Core
Formulations | Oral > Liquid: 250 µg per mL (10 000 IU per mL)
| Oral > Solid: 1.25 mg (50 000 IU)
EML status history | First added in 1977 (TRS 615)
| Changed in 1979 (TRS 641)
| Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)
Sex | All
Age | Adolescents and adults
Therapeutic alternatives | colecalciferol (ATC codes: A11CC05)
Patent information | Patents have expired in most jurisdictions
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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The EMLc Subcommittee discussed the suggestion of adding cholecalciferol to ergocalciferol in appropriate, equivalent forms and dosages because of the better bioavailability and metabolic action of cholecalciferol. The Subcommittee agreed to endorse both cholecalciferol and ergocalciferol for listing in the EMLc for the treatment of vitamin D deficiencies. Ergocalciferol is noted as an alternative in the listing for cholecalciferol on the EMLc.