Loratadine

Essential medicine status

Section: 3. Antiallergics and medicines used in anaphylaxis

EMLc | ATC codes: R06AX13

Indication	Allergic or hypersensitivity conditions of unspecified type ICD11 code: 4A8Z
INN	Loratadine
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core
Additional notes	There may be a role for sedating antihistamines for limited indications (EMLc)
Formulations	**Oral > Liquid:** 1 mg per mL **Oral > Solid > tablet:** 10 mg ; 5 mg (chewable) (EMLc) ; 10 mg (chewable) (EMLc)
EML status history	First added in 2013 (TRS 985) Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035) Changed in 2025 (TRS 1064)
Sex	All
Age	Also recommended for children
Therapeutic alternatives	cetirizine (ATC codes: R06AE07) fexofenadine (ATC codes: R06AX26)
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Loratadine
DrugBank	Loratadine

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - the addition of loratadine chewable tablets 5 mg and 10 mg to the EMLc.