### Bleomycin

**Section:** 8. Immunomodulators and antineoplastics  >  8.2. Antineoplastics and supportive medicines  >  8.2.1. Cytotoxic medicines

**Indication**
- Germ cell tumour of testis  
  **ICD11 code:** 2D30.2

**INN**
- Bleomycin

**Medicine type**
- Chemical agent

**List type**
- Complementary (EML)  
  (EMLc)

**Formulations**
- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 15000 IU in vial (as sulfate)

**EML status history**
- First added in 1979 (TRS 641)
- Changed in 2015 (TRS 994)
- Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049)

**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.

**Tags**
- Cancer

**Wikipedia**
- Bleomycin

**DrugBank**
- Bleomycin

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended that the strength of bleomycin powder for injection be expressed in IU and not mg, to reflect dosing protocols.

**Expert Committee report**