




		EMLc	ATC codes: <b>C05AA09</b>
Indication	Palliative care	ICD11 code: <b>QC7A</b>	
INN	Dexamethasone		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
List type	Core (EML) (EMLc)		
Formulations	Oral > Liquid: 2 mg per 5 mL (as sodium phosphate) ; 0.5 mg per 5 mL (as sodium phosphate) (EMLc) Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 4 mg per mL in 1 mL ampoule (dexamethasone phosphate (as sodium phosphate) equivalent to 3.3 mg dexamethasone base) Oral > Solid > tablet: 2 mg (as dexamethasone base) ; 4 mg (as dexamethasone base) ; 0.5 mg (as dexamethasone base) ; 0.75 mg (as dexamethasone base) ; 1.5 mg (as dexamethasone base)		
EML status history	First added in 1991 ( <a href="#">TRS 825</a> ) Changed in 2003 ( <a href="#">TRS 920</a> ) Changed in 2009 ( <a href="#">TRS 958</a> ) Changed in 2013 ( <a href="#">TRS 985</a> ) Changed in 2025 ( <a href="#">TRS 1064</a> )		
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 <a href="#">about patents</a> . 		
Wikipedia	<a href="#">Dexamethasone</a> 		
DrugBank	<a href="#">Dexamethasone</a> 		

## 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 dexamethasone oral liquid 0.5 mg/5 mL (as sodium phosphate) to the EMLc; - the addition of dexamethasone tablets 0.5 mg, 0.75 mg, 1.5 mg and 4 mg (as dexamethasone base) to the EML and EMLc; - to modify the listings to reflect the amount of dexamethasone in terms of dexamethasone salt or dexamethasone base.

