Ketamine

### Indication
Anaesthetics and therapeutic gases

### INN
Ketamine

### Medicine type
Chemical agent

### List type
Core

### Formulations
Parenteral &gt; General injections &gt; unspecified: 50 mg per mL in 10 mL vial (as hydrochloride)

### EML status history
First added in 1984 (TRS 722)
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
Read more about patents.

### Wikipedia
Ketamine

### DrugBank
Ketamine

#### Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations
The EMLc Subcommittee endorsed the inclusion of ketamine on the core list of the EMLc as an injectable anaesthetic medicine. The Subcommittee noted that ketamine is a very useful anaesthetic agent in children, and also noted the concern about its central nervous system adverse effects.