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Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [N01AX03](#)

EMLc

Indication

Anaesthetics and therapeutic gases ICD11 code: [XM1880792884](#)

INN

Ketamine

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

**Parenteral > General injections > unspecified:** 10 mg per mL in vial (as hydrochloride) (EMLc) ; 50 mg per mL in vial (as hydrochloride)

EML status history

First added in 1984 ([TRS 722](#))

Changed in 2007 ([TRS 950](#))

Changed in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#))

Sex

All

Age

Also recommended for children

Therapeutic alternatives

The recommendation is for this specific medicine

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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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: - addition of ketamine 10 mg/mL injection on the EMLc - removal of specification of vial size for the 50 mg/mL injection