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| | | EMLc | ATC codes: A07BA01 |
| Indication | Unspecified injury, poisoning or certain other consequences of external causes ICD11 code: NF2Z | | |
| Medicine type | Chemical agent | | |
| List type | Core (EML) (EMLc) | | |
| Formulations | Oral > Other: powder | | |
| EML status history | First added in 1977 (TRS 615) Changed in 1979 (TRS 641) Changed in 1987 (TRS 770) Changed in 2003 (TRS 920) 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 | Activated charcoal | | |
| DrugBank | Activated charcoal | | |

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Activated charcoal was included on the first EMLc in 2007 as a non-specific antidote for poisoning. The EMLc Subcommittee noted that accidental poisoning with a variety of substances is a significant cause of morbidity and mortality in children in developing countries, particularly, for example, due to ingestion of unsafely stored pesticides. Activated charcoal as a non-specific antidote was identified as essential for children although was not licensed in the sample of markets assessed. However, the Subcommittee considered that there was sufficient experience in the use of activated charcoal in children to endorse it as essential.

