Mercaptopurine

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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EMLc | ATC codes: L01BB02

Indication	Unspecified malignant neoplasms of unspecified sites ICD11 code: 2D4Z
INN	Mercaptopurine
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Complementary
Formulations	**Oral > Solid:** 50 mg tablet
EML status history	First added in 1984 (TRS 722) Changed in 2002 (TRS 914) Changed in 2007 (TRS 950) Removed in 2015 (TRS 994)
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	Mercaptopurine
DrugBank	Mercaptopurine

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

As part of the comprehensive review of cancer medicines undertaken by the Expert Committee in 2015, listing of mercaptopurine was reviewed and specific indications for its use were recommended. Refer to the 2015 recommendation(s) for mercaptopurine for more information.