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Not recommended as an essential medicine

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ATC codes: [L01BB02](#)

EMLc

Indication

Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites ICD11 code: [2D9Z](#)

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

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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.