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	EMLc ATC codes: J01CAC	
Indication	Bacterial meningitis ICD11 code: 8E71.0Z	
INN	Amoxicillin	
Medicine type	Chemical agent	
Antibiotic groups	ACCESS ACCESS	
List type	Core (EML) (EMLc)	
Formulations	Oral > Liquid: 125 mg per 5 mL (as trihydrate) powder for oral liquid (EMLc); 250 mg per 5 mL (as trihydrate) powder for oral liquid (EMLc) Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 250 mg in vial (as sodium) powder for injection; 500 mg in vial (as sodium) powder for injection Oral > Solid > dispersible tablet: 250 mg (scored) (as trihydrate) (EMLc); 500 mg (scored) (as trihydrate) (EMLc) Oral > Solid > dosage form: 250 mg (as trihydrate); 500 mg (as trihydrate)	
EML status history	First added in 2017 (TRS 1006) Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049)	
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	Amoxicillin 🗹	
DrugBank	Amoxicillin 🗗	

Expert Committee recommendation

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - the addition of new strength formulations of cefotaxime (powder for injection: 500 mg; 1 g; 2 g (as sodium) in vial) to the EML and EMLc. - the addition of a new strength formulation of ceftriaxone (powder for injection: 500 mg (as sodium) in vial) to the EML and EMLc. - the addition of new formulations of amoxicillin (dispersible, scored tablet, 250 mg and 500 mg) to the EMLc. - the deletion of oral formulations of chloramphenicol (capsule 250 mg and oral liquid 150 mg/5 mL (as palmitate)) from the EML and EMLc.

EML recommendations: Bacterial meningitis

First choice	Second choice

cefotaxime	ampicillin
ceftriaxone	benzylpenicillin
	amoxicillin
	chloramphenicol

