

Gentamicin

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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		EMLc	ATC codes: J01GB03
Indication	Bacterial infection of unspecified site	ICD11 code: 1C81	
INN	Gentamicin		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
Antibiotic groups	A ACCESS		
List type	Core (EML) (EMLc)		
Formulations	Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 10 mg per mL in 2 mL vial (as sulfate) ; 40 mg per mL in 2 mL vial (as sulfate)		
EML status history	First added in 1977 (TRS 615) Changed in 1982 (TRS 685) Changed in 2007 (TRS 950) Removed in 2017 (TRS 1006)		
Sex	All		
Age	Also recommended for children		
Therapeutic alternatives	Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used		
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents . ↗		
Wikipedia	Gentamicin ↗		
DrugBank	Gentamicin ↗		

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

As part of the comprehensive review of antibacterials undertaken by the Expert Committee in 2017, listing of gentamicin was reviewed and specific indications for its use were recommended. Refer to the 2017 recommendation(s) for gentamicin for more information.

