

## [Cefalexin](#)

Not recommended as an essential medicine

Section:

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ATC codes: [J01DB01](#)

EMLc

Indication

Bacterial infection of unspecified site ICD11 code: [1C81](#)

INN

Cefalexin

Medicine type

Chemical agent

Antibiotic groups

[ACCESS](#)

List type

Core

Formulations

**Oral > Liquid:** 125 mg per 5 mL (anhydrous) powder for oral liquid (EMLc) ; 250 mg per 5 mL (anhydrous) powder for oral liquid (EMLc)

**Oral > Solid:** 250 mg (as monohydrate) (EMLc)

EML status history

First added in 2009 ([TRS 958](#))

Removed in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#))

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