

Metronidazole

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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		EMLc	ATC codes: A01AB17
Indication	Bacterial infection of unspecified site	ICD11 code: 1C81	
INN	Metronidazole		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
Antibiotic groups	A ACCESS		
List type	Core		
Formulations	Oral > Liquid: 200 mg per 5 mL (as benzoate) Oral > Solid: 200 to 500 mg tablet Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 500 mg per 100 mL in vial Injection		
EML status history	First added in 1979 (TRS 641) Changed in 1982 (TRS 685) Changed in 1987 (TRS 770) Changed in 2007 (TRS 950) 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 Read more about patents . ↗		
Wikipedia	Metronidazole ↗		
DrugBank	Metronidazole ↗		

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

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

