

[Metronidazole](#)

Not recommended as an essential medicine

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ATC codes: [A01AB17](#)

EMLc

Indication

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

INN

Metronidazole

Medicine type

Chemical agent

Antibiotic groups

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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

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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 metronidazole was reviewed and specific indications for its use were recommended. Refer to the 2017 recommendation(s) for metronidazole for more information.