Metronidazole

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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EMLc | ATC codes: A01AB17

Indication	Bacterial infection of unspecified site ICD11 code: 1C41
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.

