



		EMLc	ATC codes: N03AB02
Indication	Epilepsy or seizures	ICD11 code: <a href="#">8A6Z</a>	
INN	Phenytoin		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
List type	Core		
Additional notes	The presence of both 25 mg/5 mL and 30 mg/5 mL oral liquid strengths on the same market would cause confusion in prescribing and dispensing and should be avoided.		
Formulations	Oral > Liquid: 25 to 30 mg per 5 mL Oral > Solid: 25 mg (sodium salt) ; 100 mg (sodium salt) ; 50 mg (sodium salt) ; 50 mg chewable tablet Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 50 mg per mL in 5 vial (sodium salt)		
EML status history	First added in 1977 ( <a href="#">TRS 615</a> ) Changed in 1979 ( <a href="#">TRS 641</a> ) Changed in 1993 ( <a href="#">TRS 850</a> ) Changed in 2007 ( <a href="#">TRS 946</a> ) Changed in 2007 ( <a href="#">TRS 950</a> )		
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 <a href="#">about patents</a> . 		
Wikipedia	<a href="#">Phenytoin</a> 		
DrugBank	<a href="#">Phenytoin</a> 		

## Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The EMLc Subcommittee endorsed the inclusion of phenytoin on the core list of the first EMLc as an antiepileptic medicine.

