Codeine

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

Section: 25. Medicines acting on the respiratory tract > 25.2. Antitussives

ATC codes: R05DA04

Indication	Cough ICD11 code: MD12
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core
Formulations	**Oral > Solid:** 10 mg tablet (codeine phosphate)
EML status history	First added in 1977 (TRS 615) Changed in 1979 (TRS 641) Removed in 1997 (TRS 882)
Sex	All
Age	Adolescents and adults
Therapeutic alternatives	The recommendation is for this specific medicine
Patent information	Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Codeine
DrugBank	Codeine

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Dextromethorphan oral solution replaced codeine on the EML as an antitussive, since it was more widely available and less likely to lead to abuse.

