

[Codeine](#)

Not recommended as an essential medicine

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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

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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.