



EMLc

ATC codes: J01BA01

<b>Indication</b>	Bacterial meningitis	ICD11 code: 8E71.OZ
<b>INN</b>	Chloramphenicol	
<b>Medicine type</b>	Chemical agent	
<b>Antibiotic groups</b>	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">A ACCESS</span>	
<b>List type</b>	Core (EML) (EMLc)	
<b>Additional notes</b>	Oily suspension for injection formulation is only for the presumptive treatment of epidemic meningitis in children older than 2 years and in adults.	
<b>Formulations</b>	Parenteral > General injections > IV: 1 g in vial powder for injection (sodium succinate) Parenteral > General injections > IM: 500 mg in 2 mL ampoule oily suspension for injection	
<b>EML status history</b>	First added in 2017 (TRS 1006) Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049)	
<b>Sex</b>	All	
<b>Age</b>	Also recommended for children	
<b>Therapeutic alternatives</b>	The recommendation is for this specific medicine	
<b>Patent information</b>	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more <a href="#">about patents</a> .	
<b>Wikipedia</b>	<a href="#">Chloramphenicol</a>	
<b>DrugBank</b>	<a href="#">Chloramphenicol</a>	

### Expert Committee recommendation

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - the addition of new strength formulations of cefotaxime (powder for injection: 500 mg; 1 g; 2 g (as sodium) in vial) to the EML and EMLc. - the addition of a new strength formulation of ceftriaxone (powder for injection: 500 mg (as sodium) in vial) to the EML and EMLc. - the addition of new formulations of amoxicillin (dispersible, scored tablet, 250 mg and 500 mg) to the EMLc. - the deletion of oral formulations of chloramphenicol (capsule 250 mg and oral liquid 150 mg/5 mL (as palmitate)) from the EML and EMLc.

### EML recommendations: Bacterial meningitis

**First choice****Second choice**

cefotaxime

ampicillin

ceftriaxone

benzylpenicillin

amoxicillin

chloramphenicol

