Chloramphenicol

EMLc | ATC codes: J01BA01

Indication	Bacterial meningitis ICD11 code: 1D01.0Z
INN	Chloramphenicol
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	A ACCESS
List type	Core
Additional notes	Oily suspension for injection formulation is only for the presumptive treatment of epidemic meningitis in children older than 2 years and in adults.
Formulations	**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
EML status history	First added in 2017 (TRS 1006) Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049)
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	Chloramphenicol
DrugBank	Chloramphenicol

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

ceftriaxone

cefotaxime

ceftriaxone

ampicillin

benzylpenicillin

amoxicillin

chloramphenicol

amoxicillin

ampicillin

benzylpenicillin

chloramphenicol

