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Not recommended as an essential medicine

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ATC codes: [J01BA01](#)

EMLc

Indication

Bacterial infection of unspecified site ICD11 code: [1C81](#)

INN

Chloramphenicol

Medicine type

Chemical agent

Antibiotic groups

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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

Oral > Liquid: 150 mg per 5 mL (as palmitate)

Oral > Solid: 250 mg capsule

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#))

Changed in 1984 ([TRS 722](#))

Changed in 1993 ([TRS 850](#))

Changed in 2007 ([TRS 950](#))

Removed in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#))

Sex

All

Age

Also recommended for children

Therapeutic alternatives

The recommendation is for this specific medicine

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

As part of the comprehensive review of antibacterials undertaken by the Expert Committee in 2017, listing of chloramphenicol was reviewed and specific indications for its use were recommended. Refer to the 2017 recommendation(s) for chloramphenicol for more information.