




Chloramphenicol

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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| | | EMLc | ATC codes: J01BA01 |
| Indication | Bacterial infection of unspecified site | ICD11 code: 1C81 | |
| INN | Chloramphenicol | | |
| Medicine type | Chemical agent | | |
| Antibiotic groups | A ACCESS | | |
| List type | Core (EML) (EMLc) | | |
| 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 Read more about patents .  | | |
| Wikipedia | Chloramphenicol  | | |
| DrugBank | Chloramphenicol  | | |

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.

