




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	<div>A ACCESS</div>		
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.

