Chloramphenicol

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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EMLc | ATC codes: J01BA01

Indication	Bacterial infection of unspecified site ICD11 code: 1C41
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 **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.