

# Clindamycin

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN  
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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		EMLc	ATC codes: <a href="#">J01FF01</a>
Indication	Bacterial infection of unspecified site	ICD11 code: <a href="#">1C81</a>	
INN	Clindamycin		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
Antibiotic groups	<a href="#">A ACCESS</a>		
List type	Complementary (EML) (EMLc)		
Formulations	Oral > Liquid: 75 mg per 5 mL (as palmitate hydrochloride) (EMLc) Oral > Solid: 150 mg (as hydrochloride) capsule Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 150 mg per mL (as phosphate) injection		
EML status history	First added in 1991 ( <a href="#">TRS 825</a> ) Changed in 1997 ( <a href="#">TRS 882</a> ) Changed in 2007 ( <a href="#">TRS 950</a> ) Removed in 2017 ( <a href="#">TRS 1006</a> )		
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 <a href="#">about patents</a> . <a href="#">↗</a>		
Wikipedia	<a href="#">Clindamycin</a> <a href="#">↗</a>		
DrugBank	<a href="#">Clindamycin</a> <a href="#">↗</a>		

## Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

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

