Vancomycin

**NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE**

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**Indication**
Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus  

**INN**
Vancomycin

**Medicine type**
Chemical agent

**Antibiotic groups**
WATCH

**List type**
Complementary

**Formulations**
Parenteral > General injections > IV: 250 mg in vial (as hydrochloride) powder for injection

**EML status history**
First added in 1995 (TRS 867)  
Changed in 2002 (TRS 914)  
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 IV vancomycin was reviewed and specific indications for its use were recommended. Refer to the 2017 recommendation(s) for IV vancomycin for more information.