





Vancomycin

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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		EMLc	ATC codes: J01XA01
Indication	Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	ICD11 code: MG51.00	
INN	Vancomycin		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
Antibiotic groups	 WATCH		
List type	Complementary (EML) (EMLc)		
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 Read more about patents . 		
Wikipedia	Vancomycin 		
DrugBank	Vancomycin 		

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.

