




		EMLc	ATC codes: A01AB17
Indication	Intestinal infections due to Clostridioides difficile	ICD11 code: 1A04	
INN	Metronidazole		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
Antibiotic groups	A ACCESS		
List type	Core (EML) (EMLc)		
Formulations	Oral > Liquid: 200 mg per 5 mL (as benzoate) Local > Rectal > Suppository: 500 mg (EML) ; 1 g (EML) Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 500 mg per 100 mL in vial Oral > Solid > tablet: 200 mg ; 250 mg ; 400 mg ; 500 mg		
EML status history	First added in 2017 (TRS 1006) Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049)		
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	Metronidazole 		
DrugBank	Metronidazole 		

Expert Committee recommendation

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended a note be added to the listing of oral vancomycin on the EML and EMLc to indicate that the powder for injection dosage form may also be used for oral administration. Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended that the range of strengths of metronidazole tablets be replaced with reference to specific strengths on the EML and EMLc.

EML recommendations: Intestinal infections due to Clostridioides difficile

First choice

metronidazole

Second choice

vancomycin

