




		EMLc	ATC codes: N01BB01
Indication	Local anaesthetics	ICD11 code: XM7Y85	
INN	Bupivacaine		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
List type	Core (EML) (EMLc)		
Formulations	Parenteral > Locoregional injections > Spinal anaesthesia: 0.5% in 4 mL ampoule (hydrochloride) + 7.5% glucose solution Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 0.25% in vial (hydrochloride) ; 0.5% in vial (hydrochloride)		
EML status history	First added in 1977 (TRS 615) Changed in 2007 (TRS 950) Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035)		
Sex	All		
Age	Also recommended for children		
Therapeutic alternatives	Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used		
Therapeutic alternatives limitations	Therapeutic alternatives to be reviewed (2023)		
Therapeutic alternatives limitations for EMLc	Therapeutic alternatives to be reviewed (2023)		
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents . 		
Wikipedia	Bupivacaine 		
DrugBank	Bupivacaine 		

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee requested the therapeutic alternatives for bupivacaine be reviewed.

