### Bupivacaine

**Indication** Local anaesthetics  
**INN** Bupivacaine  
**Medicine type** Chemical agent  
**List type** Core  
**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)  

**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.

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**Wikipedia** Bupivacaine  
**DrugBank** Bupivacaine  

**Patent information** Patents have expired in most jurisdictions  
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