Colistin (injection)

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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EMLc | ATC codes: J01XB01

Indication	Other specified bacterial diseases ICD11 code: 1C4Y
INN	Colistin
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	R RESERVE
List type	Complementary
Formulations	**Parenteral > General injections > unspecified:** 1 million IU in vial (as colistemethate sodium)
EML status history	First added in 2017 (TRS 1006) Removed in 2019 (TRS 1021)
Sex	All
Age	Also recommended for children
Therapeutic alternatives	The recommendation is for this specific medicine
Patent information	Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Colistin (injection)
DrugBank	Colistin

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

As part of the review of the AWaRe classification and EML listing of antibiotics, the Expert Committee recommended selected Resere group antibiotics be listed as individual medicines on the WHO Model Lists when they have a favourable benefit-risk profile and proven activity against "Critical Priority" or "High Priority" pathogens as identified by the WHO Priority pathogens list. Refer to the 2019 recommendations for new indications for colistin on the EML and EMLc.

