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Not recommended as an essential medicine

Section:

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ATC codes: [J01XB01](#)

EMLc

Indication

Other specified bacterial diseases ICD11 code: [1C4Y](#)

INN

Colistin

Medicine type

Chemical agent

Antibiotic groups

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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

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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 Reserve 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.