Albendazole

### Essential medicine status

**ATC codes:**
- P02CA03
- EMLc

**Indication:**
Cysticercosis

**INN:**
Albendazole

**Medicine type:**
Chemical agent

**List type:**
Core

**Formulations:**
Oral > Solid: 400 mg tablet (chewable)

**EML status history:**
- First added in 1989 (TRS 796)
- Changed in 1995 (TRS 867)
- Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)

**Sex:**
All

**Age:**
Also recommended for children

**Therapeutic alternatives:**
The recommendation is for this specific medicine

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

**Wikipedia:**
Albendazole

**DrugBank:**
Albendazole

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

The current list of medicines in Section 6.1.1 was endorsed. The Subcommittee noted spontaneous reports of choking in association with the use of chewable formulations of albendazole, which highlighted that priority should be given to the development of dispersible tablet forms for children. A full review of this area is required for the next meeting.