Metronidazole

**Indication**: Amoebiasis

**INN**: Metronidazole

**Medicine type**: Chemical agent

**Antibiotic groups**: ACCESS

**List type**: Core (EML) (EMLc)

**Formulations**:
- Oral > Liquid: 200 mg per 5 mL (as benzoate)
- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 500 mg in 100 mL vial
- Oral > Solid > tablet: 200 mg; 250 mg; 400 mg; 500 mg

**EML status history**:
- First added in 1977 (TRS 615)
- Changed in 1979 (TRS 641)
- Changed in 1982 (TRS 685)
- Changed in 1987 (TRS 770)
- Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)
- Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035)
- Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049)

**Sex**: All

**Age**: Also recommended for children

**Therapeutic alternatives**: tinidazole (ATC codes: P01AB02 J01XD02)

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

**Wikipedia**: Metronidazole

**DrugBank**: Metronidazole

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended that the range of strengths of metronidazole tablets be replaced with reference to specific strengths on the EML and EMLc.