




		EMLc	ATC codes: P01AB01
Indication	Amoebiasis	ICD11 code: 1A36.Z	
INN	Metronidazole		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
Antibiotic groups	A ACCESS		
List type	Core		
Formulations	Oral > Liquid: 200 mg per 5 mL (as benzoate) Oral > Solid: 200 to 500 mg tablet Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 500 mg in 100 mL vial		
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)		
Sex	All		
Age	Also recommended for children		
Therapeutic alternatives	Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used		
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents . 		
Wikipedia	Metronidazole 		
DrugBank	Metronidazole 		

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Metronidazole is not licensed for use in neonates or children under 1 year while tinidazole is licensed for intestinal amoebiasis in children (age not specified). The Subcommittee therefore recommended that metronidazole (and tinidazole which would be covered by square box listing of metronidazole) be endorsed as essential medicines in the forms currently available in the 15th EML.

