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Essential medicine status

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ATC codes: [P01BE02](#)

EMLc

Indication

Malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum ICD11 code: [1F40](#)

INN

Artemether

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Additional notes

For use in the management of severe malaria

Formulations

Parenteral > General injections > IM: 20 mg per mL in 1 mL ampoule (oily injection) ; 40 mg per mL in 1 mL ampoule (oily injection)

EML status history

First added in 1997 ([TRS 882](#))

Changed in 2002 ([TRS 914](#))

Changed in 2007 ([TRS 946](#))

Changed in 2007 ([TRS 950](#))

Changed in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#))

Sex

All

Age

Also recommended for children

Therapeutic alternatives

The recommendation is for this specific medicine

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations of essential medicines for children, the Expert Committee recommended replacing the 80 mg/mL strength of artemether oily injection with 20 mg/mL and 40 mg/mL strengths. The 80 mg/mL strength has limited utility for children under 12 years of age.