

[Sulfadoxine + pyrimethamine](#)

Not recommended as an essential medicine

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ATC codes: [P01BD51](#)

EMLc

Indication

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

INN

Sulfadoxine + pyrimethamine

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Additional notes

Only in combination with artesunate 50 mg

Formulations

Oral > Solid: 500 mg + 25 mg tablet

EML status history

First added in 1979 ([TRS 641](#))

Changed in 1987 ([TRS 770](#))

Changed in 2003 ([TRS 920](#))

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

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

Removed 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 on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended the deletion of sulfadoxine + pyrimethamine tablets from the EML and EMLc for the curative treatment of malaria, given the recommendation to add co-packaged artesunate and sulfadoxine + pyrimethamine to the EML and EMLc for this indication.