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Essential medicine status

Section:

[29. Medicines for diseases of joints 29.2. Disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs \(DMARDs\)](#)

ATC codes: [P01BA01](#)

Indication

Rheumatoid arthritis ICD11 code: [FA20](#)

INN

Chloroquine

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

Oral > Solid: 100 mg tablet (as phosphate or sulfate) ; 150 mg tablet (as phosphate or sulfate)

EML status history

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

Changed in 2011 ([TRS 965](#))

Changed in 2013 ([TRS 985](#))

Sex

All

Age

Adolescents and adults

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

The footnote was removed considering the actual benefit of chloroquine in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis based on efficacy and safety evidence.