Pentamidine

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

EMLc | ATC codes: P01CX01

Indication	Visceral leishmaniasis ICD11 code: 1F54.0
INN	Pentamidine
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Complementary
Formulations	**Parenteral > General injections > IM:** 200 mg (as isetionate) ; 300 mg (as isetionate)
EML status history	First added in 1977 (TRS 615) Changed in 1979 (TRS 641) Changed in 1987 (TRS 770) Changed in 1997 (TRS 882) Changed in 2003 (TRS 920) Changed in 2007 (TRS 950) Removed in 2009 (TRS 958)
Sex	All
Age	Also recommended for children
Therapeutic alternatives	The recommendation is for this specific medicine
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Pentamidine
DrugBank	Pentamidine

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The EMLc Subcommittee had recommended the deletion of pentamidine for this indication as it was no longer used for visceral leishmaniasis in children. The Committee reviewed Section 6.5.2, medicines for leishmaniasis, for concordance between the EML and EMLc and, on the advice of the WHO Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD), recommended pentamidine be also deleted from the EML.

