Pentamidine

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EMLc ATC codes: P01CX01

Indication	Gambiense trypanosomiasis ICD11 code: 1F51.0
INN	Pentamidine
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core
Additional notes	To be used for the treatment of Trypanosoma brucei gambiense infection.
Formulations	**Parenteral > General injections > IM:** 300 mg in vial (as isetionate) powder for injection
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 946) Changed in 2007 (TRS 950) Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049)
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.
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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 pentamidine 200 mg powder for injection and the addition of pentamidine 300 mg powder for injection to the EML and EMLc.