




		EMLc	ATC codes: <a href="#">P01CX02</a>
Indication	African trypanosomiasis	ICD11 code: <a href="#">1F51</a>	
INN	Suramin sodium		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
List type	Core (EML) (EMLc)		
Additional notes	To be used for the treatment of the initial phase of <i>Trypanosoma brucei rhodesiense</i> infection.		
Formulations	Parenteral > General injections > IV: 1 g in vial		
EML status history	First added in 1977 ( <a href="#">TRS 615</a> ) Changed in 1979 ( <a href="#">TRS 641</a> ) Changed in 2007 ( <a href="#">TRS 946</a> ) Changed in 2007 ( <a href="#">TRS 950</a> )		
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 <a href="#">about patents</a> . 		
Wikipedia	<a href="#">Suramin sodium</a> 		
DrugBank	<a href="#">Suramin sodium (Suramin)</a> 		

## Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The EMLc Subcommittee recommended that suramin sodium be endorsed for the EMLc for treatment of first-stage of *Trypanosoma brucei rhodesiense* infections. The Subcommittee noted that African trypanosomiasis is a major public health problem in affected countries. Medicines available for treating this infection are limited. Hence despite the toxicity profile, these medicines are still used. There is a paucity of documented information specific to children and recommendations for adults are usually followed.

