Suramin sodium

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EMLc | ATC codes: P01CX02

Indication	Rhodesiense trypanosomiasis ICD11 code: 1F51.1
INN	Suramin sodium
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core
Additional notes	To be used for the treatment of the initial phase of Trypanosoma brucei rhodesiense infection.
Formulations	**Parenteral > General injections > IV:** 1 g in vial
EML status history	First added in 1977 (TRS 615) Changed in 1979 (TRS 641) Changed in 2007 (TRS 946) Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)
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	Suramin sodium
DrugBank	Suramin sodium (Suramin)

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.