### Suramin sodium

**Not recommended as an essential medicine**

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**Indication** | Filariasis  

**INN** | Suramin sodium |

**Medicine type** | Chemical agent |

**List type** | Complementary |

**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 1989 (TRS 796)
- Changed in 1993 (TRS 850)
- Changed in 2003 (TRS 920)
- Changed in 2009 (TRS 958)
- Removed in 2011 (TRS 965)

**Sex** | All |

**Age** | Adolescents and adults |

**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) |

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

Suramin was removed from the EML as it is no longer used as a filariasis treatment.