Nifurtimox

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EMLc ATC codes: P01CC01

Indication	Gambiense trypanosomiasis ICD11 code: 1F51.0
INN	Nifurtimox
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core
Additional notes	Only to be used in combination with eflornithine, for the treatment of Trypanosoma brucei gambiense infection.
Formulations	**Oral > Solid > tablet:** 30 mg (scored) ; 120 mg (scored)
EML status history	First added in 2009 (TRS 958) Changed in 2013 (TRS 985) 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.
Wikipedia	Nifurtimox
DrugBank	Nifurtimox

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 nifurtimox 250 mg tablets from the EML and EMLc, and the addition of nifurtimox 30 mg tablets to the EMLc (Section 6.5.5.1).