

## [Propranolol](#)

Not recommended as an essential medicine

Section:

[12. Cardiovascular medicines](#) [12.3. Antihypertensive medicines](#)

ATC codes: [C07AA05](#)

Indication

Essential hypertension ICD11 code: [BA00.Z](#)

INN

Propranolol

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

**Oral > Solid:** 80 mg tablet (hydrochloride) ; 40 mg tablet (hydrochloride)

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#))

Changed in 1979 ([TRS 641](#))

Changed in 1982 ([TRS 685](#))

Removed in 1997 ([TRS 882](#))

Sex

All

Age

Adolescents and adults

Therapeutic alternatives

Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Propranolol was deleted from the EML for the treatment of hypertension. Atenolol was transferred to the main list since it acts specifically on the heart and is longer acting and better tolerated than propranolol.