

# Asparaginase

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN  
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

Section: 8. Immunomodulators and antineoplastics > 8.2. Antineoplastics and supportive medicines > 8.2.1. Cytotoxic medicines

EMLc

ATC codes: L01XX02

ICD11 code: 2D9Z

Indication Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites

Medicine type Biological agent

List type Complementary (EML) (EMLc)

Formulations Powder for injection: 10 000 IU in vial.

EML status history First added in 1993 (TRS 850)  
Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)  
Removed in 2015 (TRS 994)

Sex All

Age Also recommended for children

Therapeutic alternatives The recommendation is for this specific medicine

Patent information Patents have expired in most jurisdictions  
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Biological

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## Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

As part of the comprehensive review of cancer medicines undertaken by the Expert Committee in 2015, listing of asparaginase was reviewed and specific indications for its use were recommended. Refer to the 2015 recommendation(s) for asparaginase for more information.

