Levodopa

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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ATC codes: N04BA01

Indication	Parkinson disease ICD11 code: 8A00.0Z
INN	Levodopa
Medicine type	Biological agent
List type	Core
Formulations	**Oral > Solid:** 250 mg
EML status history	First added in 1977 (TRS 615) Changed in 1979 (TRS 641) Removed in 1987 (TRS 770)
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	Levodopa
DrugBank	Levodopa

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Single-agent levodopa was deleted from the EML since it is used extensively in combination with carbidopa.