

# Levodopa

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN  
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

Section: 5. Medicines for diseases of the nervous system > 5.1. Antiseizure medicines

ATC codes: [N04BA01](#)

Indication	Parkinson disease <span>ICD11 code: <a href="#">8A00.0Z</a></span>
INN	Levodopa
Medicine type	Biological agent
List type	Core
Formulations	Oral > Solid: 250 mg
EML status history	First added in 1977 ( <a href="#">TRS 615</a> ) Changed in 1979 ( <a href="#">TRS 641</a> ) Removed in 1987 ( <a href="#">TRS 770</a> )
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 <a href="#">about patents</a> . <a href="#">↗</a>
Wikipedia	<a href="#">Levodopa</a> <a href="#">↗</a>
DrugBank	<a href="#">Levodopa</a> <a href="#">↗</a>

## Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

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

