

# Copper-containing intrauterine device



Essential medicine status ✓

Section: 22. Medicines for reproductive health and perinatal care > 22.1. Contraceptives > 22.1.3. Intrauterine devices

ATC codes: **G02BA02**

ICD11 code: **QA21.2**

**Indication** Contact with health services for insertion of contraceptive device

**Medicine type** Device

**List type** Core

**Formulations** -

**EML status history** First added in 1987 (**TRS 770**)

**Sex** Female

**Age** Adolescents and adults

**Therapeutic alternatives** The recommendation is for this specific medicine

**Patent information** Patents have expired in most jurisdictions  
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**Wikipedia** [Copper-containing intrauterine device](#)

## Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Copper-containing intrauterine device was added to the core list of the EML in 1987, as the Expert Committee considered it was important to include a range of contraceptive methods.

