

## [Cytarabine](#)

Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [L01BC01](#)

EMLc

Indication

Lymphoid leukaemia, not elsewhere classified ICD11 code: [2B33.3](#)

INN

Cytarabine

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Complementary

Formulations

**Parenteral > General injections > unspecified:** 100 mg in vial powder for injection ; 100 mg per mL in vial

EML status history

First added in 1979 ([TRS 641](#))

Changed in 2011 ([TRS 965](#))

Changed in 2015 ([TRS 994](#))

Changed in 2023 ([TRS 1049](#))

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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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended the inclusion of an additional dose form of cytarabine (100 mg/mL in vial) to the EML and EMLc.