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Not recommended as an essential medicine

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ATC codes: [V03AB01](#)

Indication

Unspecified injury, poisoning or certain other consequences of external causes ICD11 code: [NF2Z](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

Oral > Liquid: 0.14% ipecacuanha alkaloids calculated as emetine

EML status history

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

Removed in 2003 ([TRS 920](#))

Sex

All

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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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The Committee noted the lack of need for an emetic in the treatment of poisoning due to the risk of aspiration pneumonia, and the absence of evidence on the efficacy and safety of ipecacuanha in the management of poisoning. The Committee further noted that ipecacuanha is not included in the International Programme for Chemical Safety (IPCS) INTOX databank and thus recommended that it be deleted from the Model List.