

Ipecacuanha

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

Section: 4. Antidotes and other substances used in poisonings > 4.1. Antidotes and other substances used in poisonings > Non-specific

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 Read more about patents .
Wikipedia	Ipecacuanha
DrugBank	Ipecacuanha

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.

