## Phenobarbital

### Essential medicine status

*ATC codes: N03AA02*

### Indication

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<th>Status epilepticus</th>
<th>ICD11 code: 8A66</th>
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### INN

Phenobarbital

### Medicine type

Chemical agent

### List type

Core

### Formulations

- Parenteral > General injections > IV: 200 mg per mL (phenobarbital sodium); 30 mg per mL (phenobarbital sodium) (EMLc); 60 mg per mL (phenobarbital sodium) (EMLc)

### EML status history

- First added in 2007 (TRS 946)
- Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)
- 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 addition of new strength formulations of phenobarbital injection (30 mg/mL or 60 mg/mL) on the EMLc.