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Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [N03AA02](#)

EMLc

Indication

Status epilepticus ICD11 code: [8A66](#)

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.