

[Valproic acid \(sodium valproate\)](#)

Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [N03AG01](#)

EMLc

Indication

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

INN

Valproic acid

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Complementary

Additional notes

Avoid use in pregnancy and in women and girls of child-bearing potential, unless alternative treatments are ineffective or not tolerated because of the high risk of birth defects and developmental disorders in children exposed to valproate in the womb.

Formulations

Parenteral > General injections > IV: 100 mg per mL in 4 mL ampoule ; 100 mg per mL in 10 mL ampoule ; 100 mg per mL in 3 mL ampoule

EML status history

First added in 2015 ([TRS 994](#))

Changed in 2021 ([TRS 1035](#))

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 vial size of valproic acid injection (100 mg/mL in 3 mL) on the EML and EMLc.