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Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [L01DA01](#)

Indication

Malignant trophoblastic neoplasms of placenta ICD11 code: [2D25.0](#)

INN

Dactinomycin

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Complementary

Formulations

**Parenteral > General injections > IV:** 500 µg in vial powder for injection

EML status history

First added in 1984 ([TRS 722](#))

Changed in 2015 ([TRS 994](#))

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

In 2015, as part of the comprehensive review of cancer medicines undertaken by the Expert Committee, listing for dactinomycin on the complementary list of the EML for use in treatment protocols for gestational trophoblastic neoplasia was specifically endorsed. The relevant extracts from TRS994 regarding the Expert Committee's 2015 consideration of treatment protocols for gestational trophoblastic neoplasia is attached.