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## Matching patients friendly therapeutic areas for browse search on herbal medicines for human use with ATC therapeutic groups (level 2)

Understanding the EMA website search tool 'browse by use'

The following table provides an approximate correlation between ATC therapeutic groups<sup>1</sup> and 'patients friendly' therapeutic areas established by the EMA secretariat, in collaboration with the Association of the European Self-Medication Industry (AESGP), in relation to **traditional use (TU) indications** found in [EU herbal monographs](#) adopted by the Committee on Herbal Medicinal Products (HMPC). Such correlation serves for search purposes on the EMA website. The HMPC does not allocate individual ATC codes to herbal substances with TU indications only.

### Constipation

A Alimentary tract and metabolism  
A06 Laxatives

### Cough and cold

R Respiratory system  
R05 Cough and cold preparations  
R07 Other respiratory system products

### Eye discomfort

S Sensory organs  
S01 Ophthalmologicals

### Fatigue & weakness

A Alimentary tract and metabolism  
A13 Tonics

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.whocc.no/atc/structure\\_and\\_principles/](http://www.whocc.no/atc/structure_and_principles/)



## **Gastrointestinal disorders**

- A Alimentary tract and metabolism
  - A03 Drugs for functional gastrointestinal disorders
  - A04 Antiemetics and Antinauseants
  - A05 Bile and liver therapy
  - A07 Antidiarrheals, intestinal anti-inflammatory/antiinfective agents
  - A08 Antiobesity preparations
  - A16 Other alimentary tract and metabolism products

## **Loss of appetite**

- A Alimentary tract and metabolism
  - A15 Appetite stimulants

## **Mental stress & mood disorders**

- N Nervous system
  - N05 Psycholeptics (includes Anxiolytics and Sedatives)
  - N07 Other nervous system drugs

## **Mouth and throat disorders**

- A Alimentary tract and metabolism
  - A01 Stomatological preparations
- R Respiratory system
  - R02 Throat preparations
  - R05 Cough and cold preparations

## **Pain and inflammation**

- M Musculo-skeletal system
  - M02 Topical products for joint and muscular pain
  - M09 Other drugs for disorders of the musculo-skeletal system
- N Nervous system
  - N02 Analgesics (includes Antimigraine preparations)

## **Skin disorders & minor wounds**

- D Dermatologicals
  - D02 Emollients and protectives
  - D03 Preparations for treatment of wounds and ulcers
  - D04 Antipruritics including antihistamines, anesthetics, etc.
  - D08 Antiseptics and disinfectants
  - D11 Other dermatological preparations (includes Antihydrotics)

## **Sleep disorders & temporary insomnia**

- N Nervous system
  - N05 Psycholeptics

## Urinary tract and genital disorders

- G Genito-urinary system and sex hormones
  - G01 Gynecological antiinfectives and antiseptics
  - G02 Other gynecologicals
  - G04 Urologicals (includes Drugs used in Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia)

## Circulatory disorders

- C Cardiovascular system
  - C04 Peripheral vasodilators
  - C05 Vasoprotectives (includes Capillary stabilizing agents and Agents for treatment of haemorrhoids and anal fissures for topical use)

In the HMPC 'Template for assessment report for the development of EU herbal monographs and list entries' (EMA/HMPC/418902/2005 Rev. 5) the selected therapeutic area appears in section 6 'Overall conclusions' in the assessment report supporting a monograph.

For monographs covering herbal substances and/or herbal preparations with **well-established use (WEU) indications**, the proposed ATC code for these uses can be found in the monograph's section 5.1 'Pharmacodynamic properties' in the WEU part of the monograph (left column).

Searches by the 'browse by use' function on the EMA website will return a list of herbal substances and herbal preparations with either WEU indication(s), TU indication(s) or both.

The therapeutic areas mentioned in this document refer to the current situation at the date of publication and will be subject to continuous update to reflect the outcome of new assessment works by the HMPC.