

Medicines

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ANSM's scope of action covers the different categories of medicines (proprietary, generic, biosimilar, herbal medicines, homoeopathy, etc.) available on the market for adults and the paediatric population.

In the development of a medicine, ANSM is involved from the clinical trial phase. It subsequently grants, at a national level, a marketing authorisation (MA) based on the assessment of the benefits and risks of the medicine, and continues to ensure the surveillance of its safety in use. Additionally, ANSM regulates the advertising of these health products aimed at the public and healthcare professionals.

In the pages below, you will find definitions and general information on the different types of medicines, excluding vaccines, which are covered in separate section.