

Folic acid

Essential medicine status

General description

Folic acid or B9 vitamin is used to prevent and treat folic acid deficiency anaemia.

INN

Folic acid

ATC codes

[B03BB01](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Folate deficiency anaemia](#)

Added in 2015 ([TRS 994](#)) for [Anencephaly or similar anomalies](#)

Added in 2015 ([TRS 994](#)) for [Spina bifida](#)

Added in 2015 ([TRS 994](#)) for [Cephalocele](#)

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Recommendations

Section

Antianaemia medicines

- Oral > Liquid: 1 mg per mL
- Oral > Solid: 1 mg tablet; 5 mg tablet
- Oral > Solid: 400 µg

Indications

[Folate deficiency anaemia](#) [Anencephaly or similar anomalies](#) [Spina bifida](#) [Cephalocele](#)