

Calcium folinate (leucovorin calcium)

Essential medicine status

General description

Calcium folinate (also known as leucovorin, folinic acid) is a folic acid derivative that acts as a modulating and rescue agent in cancer chemotherapy protocols.

INN

Calcium folinate

ATC codes

[V03AF03](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

EML status history

First added in 1979 ([TRS 641](#)) for [Malignant neoplasms of colon](#)

Added in 1979 ([TRS 641](#)) for [Osteosarcoma of bone and articular cartilage of unspecified sites](#)

Added in 1979 ([TRS 641](#)) for [Burkitt lymphoma including Burkitt leukaemia](#)

Added in 1979 ([TRS 641](#)) for [Malignant neoplasm metastasis in large intestine](#)

Added in 1979 ([TRS 641](#)) for [Malignant neoplasms of rectum](#)

Added in 1979 ([TRS 641](#)) for [Malignant trophoblastic neoplasms of placenta](#)

Added in 1979 ([TRS 641](#)) for [Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites](#)

Removed in 2015 ([TRS 994](#)) for [Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites](#)

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Recommendations

Section

Cytotoxic medicines

- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 3 mg per mL in 10 mL ampoule; 7.5 mg per mL in 2 mL ampoule; 10 mg per mL in 5 mL ampoule
- Oral > Solid > tablet: 15 mg; 5 mg; 25 mg
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Indications

[Malignant neoplasms of colon](#) [Osteosarcoma of bone and articular cartilage of unspecified sites](#) [Burkitt lymphoma including Burkitt leukaemia](#) [Malignant neoplasm metastasis in large intestine](#) [Malignant neoplasms of rectum](#) [Malignant trophoblastic neoplasms of placenta](#) [Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites](#)