

Fluorouracil

Essential medicine status

General description

Fluorouracil is an antineoplastic anti-metabolite used in treatment protocols for many cancers, including topically for skin cancer.

INN

Fluorouracil

ATC codes

[L01BC02](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites](#)

Added in 1989 ([TRS 796](#)) for [Plantar warts](#)

Added in 2015 ([TRS 994](#)) for [Malignant neoplasms of breast](#)

Added in 2015 ([TRS 994](#)) for [Malignant neoplasms of colon](#)

Added in 2015 ([TRS 994](#)) for [Malignant neoplasms of rectum](#)

Added in 2015 ([TRS 994](#)) for [Malignant neoplasm metastasis in large intestine](#)

Added in 2015 ([TRS 994](#)) for [Malignant neoplasms of nasopharynx](#)

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

Wikipedia

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DrugBank

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Recommendations

Section

Cytotoxic medicines

- Parenteral > General injections > IV: 50 mg per mL in vial
- Parenteral > General injections > IV: 50 mg per mL in 5 mL ampoule

Indications

[Malignant neoplasms of breast](#) [Malignant neoplasms of colon](#) [Malignant neoplasms of rectum](#) [Malignant neoplasm metastasis in large intestine](#) [Malignant neoplasms of nasopharynx](#) [Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites](#)

Section

Dermatological medicines > Medicines affecting skin differentiation and proliferation

- Local > Topical > Ointment: 5%

Indications

[Plantar warts](#)