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Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [B03BB01](#)

EMLc

Indication

Folate deficiency anaemia ICD11 code: [3A02.Z](#)

INN

Folic acid

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

Oral > Liquid: 1 mg per mL (EMLc)

Oral > Solid: 1 mg tablet ; 5 mg tablet

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#))

Changed in 1979 ([TRS 641](#))

Changed in 1991 ([TRS 825](#))

Changed in 2003 ([TRS 920](#))

Changed in 2007 ([TRS 950](#))

Changed in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#))

Sex

All

Age

Also recommended for children

Therapeutic alternatives

The recommendation is for this specific medicine

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - the addition of folic acid oral liquid 1 mg/mL to the EMLc