



EMLc

ATC codes: B03BB01

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| Indication               | Folate deficiency anaemia   | ICD11 code: 3A02.Z |
| INN                      | Folic acid  |                    |
| Medicine type            | Chemical agent  |                    |
| List type                | Core (EML)<br>(EMLc)  |                    |
| Formulations             | Oral > Solid: 1 mg tablet ; 5 mg tablet   |                    |
| EML status history       | First added in 1977 (TRS 615)<br>Changed in 1979 (TRS 641)<br>Changed in 1991 (TRS 825)<br>Changed in 2003 (TRS 920)<br>Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)         |                    |
| Sex                      | All   |                    |
| Age                      | Also recommended for children   |                    |
| Therapeutic alternatives | The recommendation is for this specific medicine  |                    |
| Patent information       | Patents have expired in most jurisdictions<br>Read more about patents.  |                    |
| Wikipedia                | Folic acid   |                    |
| DrugBank                 | Folic acid   |                    |

## Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The EMLc Subcommittee accepted the public health need for supplementation with folic acid in children. Therefore, the Subcommittee agreed to endorse folic acid as an essential medicine for children. Appropriate formulations of folic acid need to be included to cover the needs of neonates to adolescents. They should have appropriate excipients for children.

