

EMLc

ATC codes: B03BB01

Indication	Folate deficiency anaemia	ICD11 code: 3A02.Z
INN	Folic acid	
Medicine type	Chemical agent	
List type	Core (EML) (EMLc)	
Formulations	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)	
Sex	All	
Age	Also recommended for children	
Therapeutic alternatives	The recommendation is for this specific medicine	
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions 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.

