### Fluoxetine

**Indication**  
Depressive disorders

**INN**  
Fluoxetine

**Medicine type**  
Chemical agent

**List type**  
Core (EML)  
Complementary (EMLc)

**Additional notes**  
The square box does not apply to the listing of fluoxetine on the EMLc.

**Formulations**  
Oral > Solid: 20 mg (as hydrochloride)

**EML status history**  
First added in 2007 (TRS 946)  
Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)  
Changed in 2019 (TRS 1021)  
Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035)

**Sex**  
All

**Age**  
Also recommended for children

**Age restriction**  
> 8 years

**Therapeutic alternatives**  
citalopram (ATC codes: N06AB04)  
escitalopram (ATC codes: N06AB10)  
fluvoxamine (ATC codes: N06AB08)  
paroxetine (ATC codes: N06AB05)  
sertaline (ATC codes: N06AB06)

**Patent information**  
Patents have expired in most jurisdictions  
Read more about patents.

**Wikipedia**  
Fluoxetine

**DrugBank**  
Fluoxetine

---

**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended citalopram, escitalopram, fluvoxamine, paroxetine and sertraline be specified as therapeutic alternatives under the square box listing for fluoxetine on the EML. The square box does not apply to the listing of fluoxetine on the EMLc.