Fluorouracil

Essential medicine status

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EMLc | ATC codes: L01BC02

Indication	Malignant neoplasms of colon ICD11 code: 2B90.Z
INN	Fluorouracil
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Complementary
Formulations	**Parenteral > General injections > IV:** 50 mg per mL in vial
EML status history	First added in 2015 (TRS 994) Changed in 2019 (TRS 1021) Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049)
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.
Tags	Cancer
Wikipedia	Fluorouracil
DrugBank	Fluorouracil

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended to remove specification of the vial size for fluorouracil, noting that various vial sizes are available.