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Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [L01BC02](#)

EMLc

Indication

Malignant neoplasms of rectum ICD11 code: [2C52.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

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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 to remove specification of the vial size for fluorouracil, noting that various vial sizes are available.