

## [Tamoxifen](#)

Essential medicine status

Section:

[8. Immunomodulators and antineoplastics](#) [8.2. Antineoplastics and supportive medicines](#) [8.2.4. Hormones and antihormones](#)

ATC codes: [L02BA01](#)

Indication

Other specified malignant neoplasms of breast ICD11 code: [2D1Y](#)

INN

Tamoxifen

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Complementary

Formulations

**Oral > Solid:** 10 mg (as citrate) ; 20 mg (as citrate)

EML status history

First added in 1984 ([TRS 722](#))

Changed in 2002 ([TRS 914](#))

Changed in 2015 ([TRS 994](#))

Sex

All

Age

Adolescents and adults

Therapeutic alternatives

The recommendation is for this specific medicine

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

Read more [about patents](#).

Tags

Cancer

Wikipedia

[Tamoxifen](#)

DrugBank

[Tamoxifen](#)

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations



In 2015, as part of the comprehensive review of cancer medicines undertaken by the Expert Committee, listing for tamoxifen on the complementary list of the EML for use in treatment protocols for hormone-receptor positive metastatic breast cancer was specifically endorsed. The relevant extract from TRS994 regarding the Expert Committee's 2015 consideration of treatment protocols for metastatic breast cancer is attached.