## Capecitabine

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### Indication
- **Malignant neoplasms of rectum**  
  **ICD11 code**: 2C52.Z

### INN
- **Capecitabine**

### Medicine type
- **Chemical agent**

### List type
- **Complementary**

### Formulations
- **Oral > Solid**: 150 mg tablet; 500 mg tablet

### EML status history
- First added 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. 

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

In 2015, as part of the comprehensive review of cancer medicines undertaken by the Expert Committee, capecitabine was added to the complementary list of the EML for use in treatment protocols for early stage rectal cancer. The relevant extract from TRS994 regarding the Expert Committee's 2015 consideration of treatment protocols for early stage rectal cancer is attached.

[Expert Committee report](#)