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Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [L01BC06](#)

Indication

Malignant neoplasms of rectum ICD11 code: [2C52.Z](#)

INN

Capecitabine

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Complementary

Formulations

Oral > Solid > tablet: 150 mg ; 500 mg

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

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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.