

# Calcium folinate (leucovorin calcium)



Essential medicine status

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|                          |  | <b>EMLc</b>               | ATC codes: <b>V03AF03</b> |
| Indication               | Burkitt lymphoma including Burkitt leukaemia   | ICD11 code: <b>2B55.6</b> |                           |
| INN                      | Calcium folinate   |                           |                           |
| Medicine type            | Chemical agent   |                           |                           |
| List type                | Complementary (EML)<br>(EMLc)  |                           |                           |
| Formulations             | Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 3 mg per mL in 10 mL ampoule ; 7.5 mg per mL in 2 mL ampoule ; 10 mg per mL in 5 mL ampoule<br>Oral > Solid > tablet: 15 mg ; 5 mg ; 25 mg      |                           |                           |
| EML status history       | First added in 1979 ( <a href="#">TRS 641</a> )<br>Changed in 2015 ( <a href="#">TRS 994</a> )<br>Changed in 2019 ( <a href="#">TRS 1021</a> )<br>Changed in 2023 ( <a href="#">TRS 1049</a> ) |                           |                           |
| Sex                      | All  |                           |                           |
| Age                      | Also recommended for children  |                           |                           |
| Therapeutic alternatives | The recommendation is for this specific medicine   |                           |                           |
| Patent information       | Patents have expired in most jurisdictions<br>Read more <a href="#">about patents</a> .  |                           |                           |
| Tags                     | <b>Cancer</b>  |                           |                           |
| Wikipedia                | <a href="#">Calcium folinate (leucovorin calcium)</a>  |                           |                           |
| DrugBank                 | <a href="#">Calcium folinate (Leucovorin)</a>  |                           |                           |

## Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended the addition of new strength formulations of calcium folinate (Injection: 7.5 mg/mL in 2 mL ampoule; 10 mg/mL in 5 mL ampoule) to the EML and EMLc.

