

Calcium folinate (leucovorin calcium)



Essential medicine status ✓

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ATC codes: V03AF03

Indication	Malignant neoplasm metastasis in large intestine	ICD11 code: 2E25
INN	Calcium folinate	
Medicine type	Chemical agent	
List type	Complementary	
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 Oral > Solid > tablet: 15 mg ; 5 mg ; 25 mg	
EML status history	First added in 1979 (TRS 641) Changed in 2015 (TRS 994) Changed in 2019 (TRS 1021) Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049)	
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

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.

