### Calcium folinate (leucovorin calcium)

**Section:** 8. Immunomodulators and antineoplastics ➔ 8.2. Antineoplastics and supportive medicines ➔ 8.2.1. Cytotoxic medicines

#### Indication

| Malignant neoplasms of rectum | ICD11 code: 2C52.Z |

#### 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

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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.