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| Folic acid |
| Preparations listed in the Drug tariff | [**Part VIIIA (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIA) | **DT price** |
| Folic acid 400mcg tablet | £3.33 for 28 |
| Folic acid 5mg tablet | £0.73 for 28 |
| Folic acid 2.5mg/5ml sugar free | £9.16 for 150ml |
| Folic acid 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free | £41.92 for 150ml |
| [**Part VIIIB (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIB) | **DT price** |
| None |  |
| Administration in swallowing difficulties |
| Administer oral solution using an oral syringe. |
| Administration in enteral feeding tube |
| Flush tube with 15ml water, administer oral solution using an oral syringe, then flush with 15ml water (unlicensed)1 |
| Comments |
| Colonis Pharma do not have any information on administering folic acid 1mg/ml oral solution via a feeding tube2.Rosemont Pharmaceuticals do not have any information on administering folic acid (Lexpec) 2.5mg/5ml oral solution via a feeding tube3. |
| References1. White R and Bradnam V. Handbook of Drug Administration via enteral feeding tubes. 3rd edition, 2015. Pharmaceutical Press
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| **Please note: full instructions should be provided to the person administering the medicine. This is guidance only and should not determine individualised care.** |
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