

**LEDERLE LEUCOVORIN- calcium folinate tablet**  
**FARMASIERRA MANUFACTURING SL**

*Disclaimer: This drug has not been found by FDA to be safe and effective, and this labeling has not been approved by FDA. For further information about unapproved drugs, click [here](#).*

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**Lederle Leucovorin\_ "Unapproved drug for use in drug shortage"**

**Letter**

URGENT: Important Prescribing Information Letter

Subject: Temporary Importation of Lederle Leucovorin® (Calcium Folate tablets, USP) from Canada to Address U.S. Drug Shortage

December 2025

Dear Health Care Provider,

Due to the shortage of Leucovorin Calcium tablets, USP in the United States (U.S.) market, Pfizer is coordinating at the request of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to temporarily import unapproved Lederle Leucovorin® (Calcium Folate tablets, USP) 5 mg tablets marketed in Canada.

This product is manufactured by Pfizer's Contract Manufacturer, FarnasierTa, located in Madrid, Spain. The FDA has not approved Pfizer's Lederle Leucovorin (Calcium Folate tablets USP), 5 mg tablets in the U.S.; however, the FDA is permitting the temporary importation and distribution of this product. Leucovorin Calcium tablets, USP, is referred to as Calcium Folate tablets, USP, outside of the U.S.

Effective immediately, and during this temporary period, Pfizer will distribute the following presentation(s) of unapproved Lederle Leucovorin® (Calcium Folate, USP):

Product: Lederle Leucovorin®, Calcium Folate USP

Strength: 5 mg Tablet

Packaging: 1 × 24 Bottle

NDC: 0069-5886-24

Batch: X773

Expiration Date: 04-30-2026

Canada Marketing Authorization: DIN 02170493 / GTIN 066063817221

Product: Lederle Leucovorin®, Calcium Folate USP

Strength: 5 mg Tablet

Packaging: 1 × 24 Bottle

NDC: 0069-5886-24

Batch: X830

Expiration Date: 10-31-2026

Canada Marketing Authorization: DIN 02170493 / GTIN 066063817221

Product: Lederle Leucovorin®, Calcium Folate USP

Strength: 5 mg Tablet

Packaging: 1 × 24 Bottle

NDC: 0069-5886-24

Batch: Z361

Expiration Date: 03-31-2027

Canada Marketing Authorization: DIN 02170493 / GTIN 066063817221

Product: Lederle Leucovorin®, Calcium Folate USP

Strength: 5 mg Tablet

Packaging: 1 × 100 Bottle

NDC: 0069-5886-99

Batch: X831

Expiration Date: 10-31-2026

Canada Marketing Authorization: DIN 02170493 / GTIN 066063817207

Product: Lederle Leucovorin®, Calcium Folate USP

Strength: 5 mg Tablet

Packaging: 1 × 100 Bottle

NDC: 0069-5886-99

Batch: Z362

Expiration Date: 03-31-2027

Canada Marketing Authorization: DIN 02170493 / GTIN 066063817207

It is important to note that there are differences between the FDA-approved Leucovorin Calcium, USP products and the Calcium Folate tablets, USP, marketed in Canada by Pfizer, Inc. Please see the product side-by-side label comparison table, where FDA-approved Leucovorin Calcium Tablets, USP 5 mg, manufactured by Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., is used as a reference.

It is important to note the following differences:

Lederle Leucovorin® (Calcium Folate tablets, USP) 5 mg tablets is indicated for diminishing the toxicity and counteracting the effect of impaired methotrexate elimination. Treatment of megaloblastic anemias due to folate deficiency, as in sprue, nutritional deficiency, megaloblastic anemias of pregnancy and infancy. FDA-approved Leucovorin Calcium, USP, product is contraindicated for pernicious anemia and other megaloblastic anemias caused by vitamin B12 deficiency.

The container label will display the text used and approved for marketing Lederle Leucovorin® (Calcium Folate tablets, USP) in Canada containing English and French text.

Health Canada has not authorized an indication for pediatric use for the imported product. FDA-approved Leucovorin Calcium, USP, includes a specific warning in the Drug Interactions section regarding folic acid which in large amounts may counteract the antiepileptic effect of phenobarbital, phenytoin and primidone, and increase the frequency of seizures in susceptible children. The Canadian Product Monograph does not mention this specific age group (10-12).

The Canadian Product Monograph includes a Post Marketing section addressing Adverse Drug Reactions, including that cases of Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS) and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (TEN), some fatal, have been reported in patients receiving calcium folinate in combination with other agents known to be associated with these disorders. A contributory role of leucovorin in these occurrences of SJS/TEN cannot be excluded.

Fatalities have occurred as a result of gastrointestinal toxicity (predominantly mucositis and diarrhea) and myelosuppression. In patients with diarrhea, rapid clinical deterioration leading to death can occur.

The barcode of the imported product label may not register accurately on the U.S. scanning systems. Institutions should manually input the important product information

into their systems and confirm that the barcode, if scanned, provides correct information. Alternative procedures should be followed to assure that the correct drug product is being used and administered to individual patients.

The packaging of the imported product does not include serialization information. Pfizer's Calcium Folate, USP, marketed in Canada, does not meet the Drug Supply Chain Security (DSCSA) standards for Interoperable Exchange of Information for Tracing of Human, Finished Prescription Drugs. FDA has created an exemption for the product due to the shortage.

Leucovorin Calcium tablet, USP is available only by prescription in the U.S. However, the imported product does not have the statement "Rx only" on the labeling.

Please refer to the package insert for the FDA approved Leucovorin Calcium, USP, full Prescribing Information.

### Adverse Events and Product Quality Complaints

To report adverse reactions or quality issues, contact Pfizer at 1-800-438-1985.

Adverse reactions or quality problems experienced with the use of this product may be reported to the FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting Program either online, by regular mail, or by fax:

Complete and submit the report Online: [www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm)

Regular mail or Fax: download form [www.fda.gov/MedWatch/getforms.htm](http://www.fda.gov/MedWatch/getforms.htm) or call 1-800-332-1088 to request a reporting form, then complete and return to the address on the pre-addressed form, or submit by fax to 1-800-FDA-0178 (1-800-332-0178)

When reporting, please indicate product is Lederle Leucovorin from Pfizer Canada and provide the lot number

### Contact Information

Please contact Pfizer Customer Service at 1-800-533-4535 or [dropships@pfizer.com](mailto:dropships@pfizer.com) (Mon.-Fri. 8am-5:30pm ET) or your Pfizer representative for any questions you may have regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

Pfizer Inc.

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US PAVE Business Unit Lead

## Lederle Leucovorin 24 tablets

Lederle Leucovorin 24 tablets



Lederle Leucovorin 100 tablets

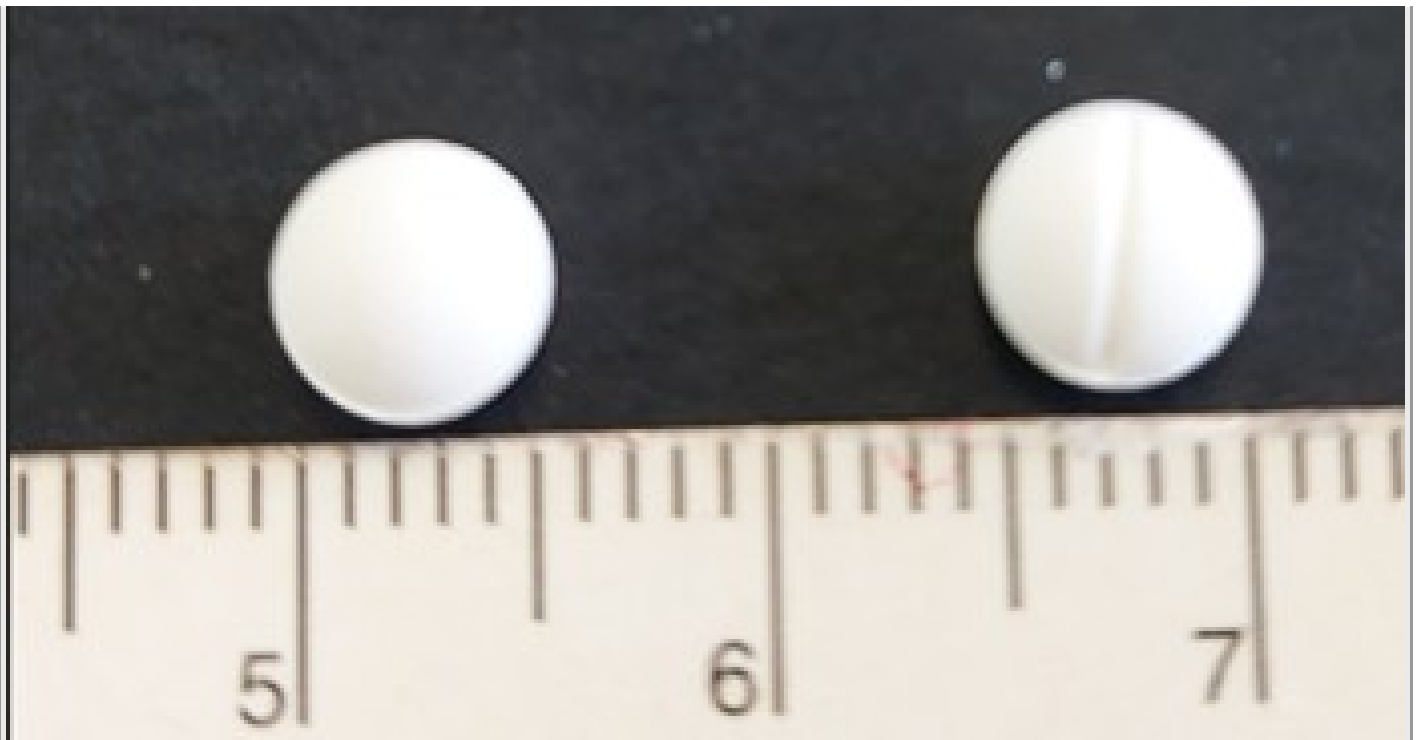
Lederle Leucovorin 100 tablets



LEDERLE LEUCOVORIN

calcium folinate tablet

| Product Information  |                  |   |                      |                    |
|--|------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| Product Type   |                  | HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG                                     | Item Code (Source)   | NDC:73591-5886     |
| Route of Administration  |                  | ORAL  |                      |                    |
|  |                  |   |                      |                    |
| Active Ingredient/Active Moiety                                      |                  |   |                      |                    |
| Ingredient Name  |                  |   | Basis of Strength    | Strength           |
| LEUCOVORIN CALCIUM (UNII: RPR1R4C0P4) (LEUCOVORIN - UNII:Q573I9DVLP) |                  |   | LEUCOVORIN           | 5 mg               |
|  |                  |   |                      |                    |
| Product Characteristics  |                  |   |                      |                    |
| Color  | white            | Score   | 2 pieces             |                    |
| Shape  | ROUND            | Size  | 6mm                  |                    |
| Flavor   |                  | Imprint Code  |                      |                    |
| Contains   |                  |   |                      |                    |
|  |                  |   |                      |                    |
| Packaging  |                  |   |                      |                    |
| #  | Item Code        | Package Description   | Marketing Start Date | Marketing End Date |
| 1  | NDC:73591-5886-2 | 24 in 1 BOTTLE, PLASTIC; Type 0: Not a Combination Product  | 11/26/2025           |                    |
| 2  | NDC:73591-5886-1 | 100 in 1 BOTTLE, PLASTIC; Type 0: Not a Combination Product | 11/26/2025           |                    |
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### Marketing Information

| Marketing Category                       | Application Number or Monograph Citation | Marketing Start Date | Marketing End Date |
|--|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| Unapproved drug for use in drug shortage |  | 11/26/2025           |                    |

**Labeler** - FARMASIERRA MANUFACTURING SL (466799991)

**Registrant** - HOSPIRA WORLDWIDE, LLC (963711309)

### Establishment

| Name                         | Address | ID/FEI    | Business Operations   |
|------------------------------|---------|-----------|---|
| FARMASIERRA MANUFACTURING SL |         | 466799991 | manufacture(73591-5886) , analysis(73591-5886) , label(73591-5886) , pack(73591-5886) |

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