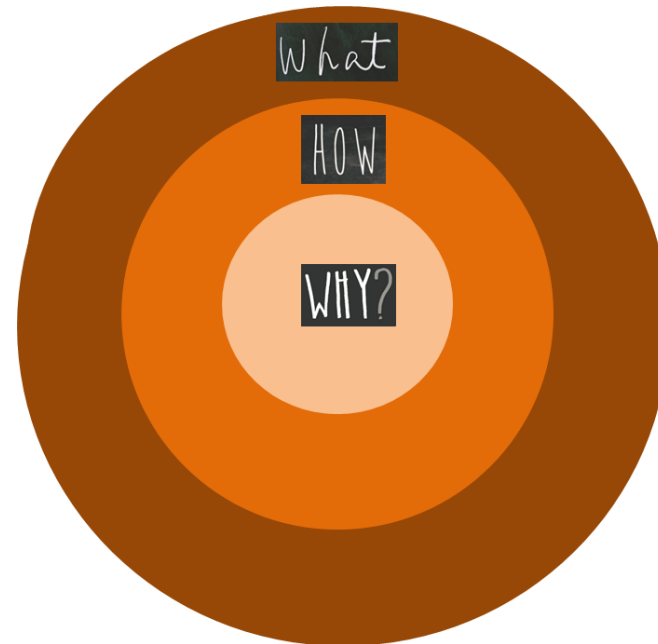


The Role and Purpose of PTCs

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- Why do we need PTCs?
- What are some of the core functions of PTCs?
- Why does the PTC do what it does?



Legislative and Policy Provisions

- Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act 108 of 1996)
- National Health Act (Act 61 of 2003)
- Pharmacy Act (Act 53 of 1974, as amended)
- The Medicines and Related Substances Act (Act 101 of 1965)
- The Public Finance Management Act (Act 1 of 1999)
- National Drug Policy of South Africa, 1996
- National Policy for the Establishment and Functioning of Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committees in South Africa, 2015
- National Core Standards for Health Establishments in South Africa, 2011

GPP Regulations

Section 2.4.1: Selection of Pharmaceuticals

- Selection of pharmaceuticals and the promotion of rational drug use.
- Pharmaceutical code list/formulary/EDL as basis for medicine therapy and promotion of RMU – policies and procedures for approval and provision of medicines not included in the formulary as required.
- PTCs must be responsible for the formulary.
- Pharmaceutical usage review programmes must be developed to ensure maximum patient benefit on the most cost-effective basis.



What is the role of PTCs?



PTCs are the primary implementing bodies of **medicine-related governance** in the provinces, districts and health establishments in South Africa. They are a crucial component of the medicine supply chain as the **custodians of medicine governance** and **rational selection and use** of medicines at **all levels of care**.



Section 10 of the National Policy for the Establishment and Functioning of PTCs

- Oversight of medicine management systems
- Evaluate, advise and educate on all medicine selection and use activities.
- Strive for excellence - support RMU activities - in the best interest of the public
- Guided by the characteristics of good governance – equity, transparency, EBM, accountability, participation, rule of law and responsiveness

Section 12 of the National Policy for the Establishment and Functioning of PTCs

- Development and review of medicine-related policies and procedures – advise on their implementation in support of good governance
- Evaluate and select essential medicines – ongoing – equitable access to medicines
- Development and review of treatment guidelines and protocols
- Monitor and investigate medicine use; and design and support implementation of interventions to promote RMU
- Monitor and investigate matters related to safety and quality of medicines – advise on implementation of preventative and corrective actions
- Advise on and support sound practices for effective procurement, distribution and storage of medicines
- Advise on the pharmaceutical budget, analyse the expenditure and make recommendations for the implementation of appropriate control measures

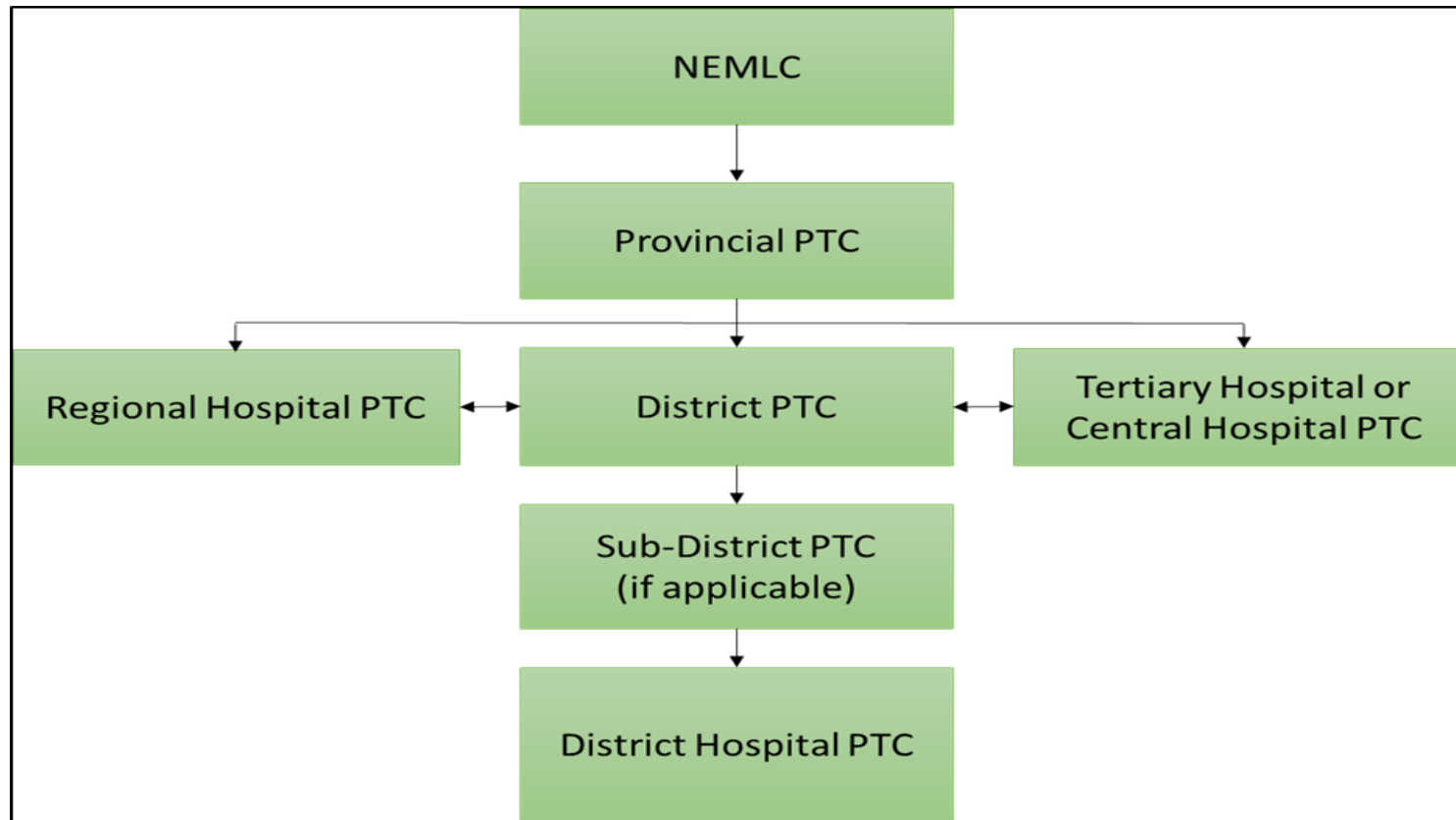
Purpose of PTCs

Promote RMU through:

1. Development of relevant policies and procedures for medication selection, procurement, distribution and use
 2. Education of patients and staff
- Act as feedback mechanisms between NDoH, PDoH, District DoH and facilities
 - Ensure governance of medicines management system
 - Provide equitable and reliable access to medicines and quality care, making best use of available resources



Hierarchy of PTC Decision-Making



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- Paeds STGs being finalised – look out for communication