

# Overview of the Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicines List



The **Primary Healthcare (PHC)** and **Adult Hospital Level (AHL) Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs)** and **Essential Medicines List (EML)** provide a platform for transparency to enable equitable access to safe, effective, and affordable treatment options at both PHC and hospital level, taking into consideration the changing clinical needs of our population and the pragmatic implications of the introduction of a new health technology.



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- Medicines are included or removed from the Essential Medicines List (EML) following an **evidence-based review** of safety and effectiveness and considering cost and other relevant practice factors.
- The South African Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) and EML review process is **dynamic**, and starts with prioritisation of chapters, medicines, or disease areas for review.
- The EML, STGs, and the reviews informing them are **then updated and published on an ongoing basis**.
- Each new review or update involves seeking input and comments from **external stakeholders**.
- All reasonable steps are taken **to align the STGs** with other National Department of Health guidelines available at the time of review.
- The **current review cycle is 2020-4** and will replace the 2019 STGs & EML published for the Adult Hospital Level and 2020 STGs & EML for the Primary Healthcare

For more information on the HTA Process for medicine selection, refer to Webinar Session 1

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# The Primary Healthcare and Adult Hospital Level Standard Treatment Guidelines Expert Review Committee (ERC)



## PHC/AHL Expert Review Committee

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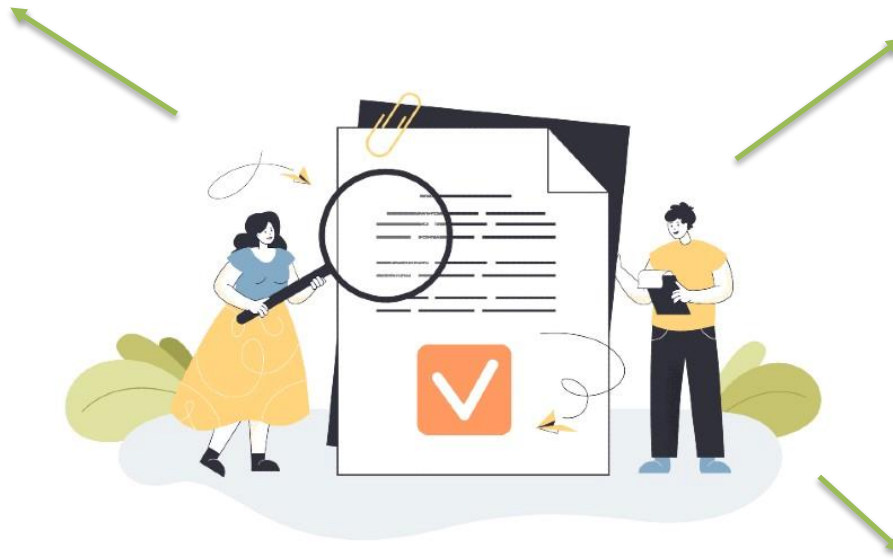
## Co-opted members to the PHC/AHL Expert Review Committee

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# 2020-2024 Standard Treatment Guidelines -Review Cycle



The current review cycle is 2020-4 and will replace the 2019 STGs published for the Adult Hospital Level and 2020 STGs for the Primary Healthcare



Review of the STGs & EML is a dynamic process

An overview of the updated PHC/AHL STGs & EML will be given at the start of the webinar

Engagement, feedback & collaboration from all stakeholders is encouraged through an external comment process



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