

# Standard Treatment Guidelines & Essential Medicines List



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Overview of updated PHC and Adult Hospital  
Level Standard Treatment Guidelines and  
Essential Medicine List

# 2020-4 Review Cycle



## Adult Hospital Level

Chapters published = 9

Chapters under review = 10

## Primary Healthcare Level

Chapters published = 10

Chapters under review = 11



- The review cycle started in 2020, with the existing PDF still available on the NHI & Knowledge Hub platforms
- For the new edition (2024), individual chapters are published and replace the corresponding chapter in the previous edition



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# 2020-4 Review Cycle – Primary Healthcare Level Published Chapters



<u>Chapter Number</u>	<u>Chapter Name</u>
<b>CH 1</b>	Dental & Oral Conditions
<b>CH 2</b>	Gastrointestinal Conditions
<b>CH 3</b>	Nutrition & Anaemia
<b>CH 6 (Updated Nov 2023)</b>	Obstetrics & Gynaecology
<b>CH 7</b>	Family Planning
<b>CH 10 (Updated Jan 2024)</b>	Infections & related conditions
<b>CH 11</b>	HIV & AIDS
<b>CH 13 (Updated Aug 24)</b>	Immunisation
<b>CH 16</b>	Mental Health Conditions
<b>CH 21</b>	Emergencies and injuries



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# 2020-4 Review Cycle – Adult Hospital Level Published Chapters



<u>Chapter Number</u>	<u>Chapter Name</u>
<b>CH 1</b>	Alimentary Tract
<b>CH 5</b>	Gynaecology
<b>CH 6</b>	Obstetrics
<b>CH 9</b>	Systemic & Healthcare Associated Infections
<b>CH 19</b>	HIV & AIDS
<b>CH 15</b>	Mental Health Conditions & Substance Misuse
<b>CH 19</b>	Poisoning
<b>CH 20</b>	Emergencies and injuries
<b>CH 23</b>	Adult Critical Care



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# Webinar Series – Sessions June/July 2024



## Session 1: Health Technology Assessment (HTA)

Topics covered: HTA international experience, Overview of the NEMLC process, Evidence to Decision Methodology

Date: 25 June 2024

## Session 2: Mental Health Conditions

Topics covered: Aggressive Disruptive Behaviour, Opioid Substitution Therapy Pilot Program

Date: 16 July 2024

## Session 3: Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Topics covered: Post Partum Haemorrhage, Family Planning, Maternal Mortality

Date: 30 July 2024

## Session 4: Critical Care

Topics Covered: Critical Care chapter development (replacement of previous Sedation chapter)

Date: 13 August 2024

***\*\*NB: More sessions to follow throughout 2024***



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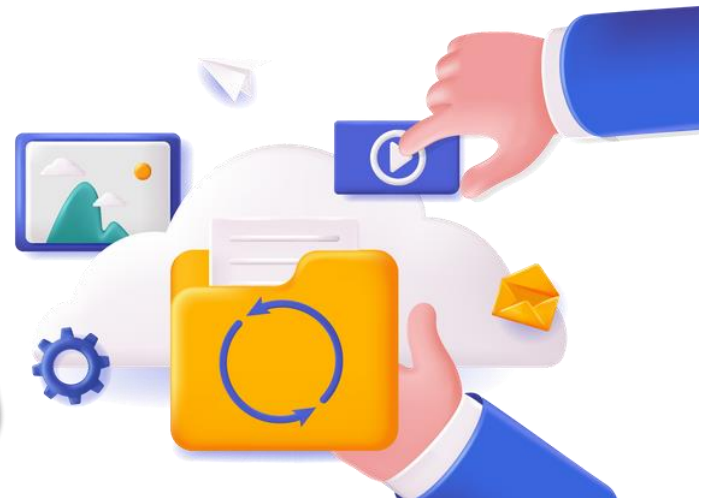
# Access to the PHC/AHL STGs & EML & Individual Chapters



- NHI Webpage: <https://www.health.gov.za/nhi-edp-stgs-eml>
- Knowledge Hub **eLibrary**: [www.knowledgehub.health.gov.za/e-library](http://www.knowledgehub.health.gov.za/e-library)
- EMGuidance Mobile & Desktop Application: <http://onelink.to/sy896k>

**\*\*NB: Updated chapters are released as finalised and replace the corresponding chapter in the previous edition.**

Got Questions?  
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# Resources



## STGs and EML (Individual Chapters and PDF) and Related Technical Documents

- NHI Webpage: <https://www.health.gov.za/nhi-edp-stgs-eml>
- Knowledge Hub **eLibrary**: [www.knowledgehub.health.gov.za/e-library](http://www.knowledgehub.health.gov.za/e-library)
- EMGuidance Mobile & Desktop Application: <http://onelink.to/sy896k>
- NEMLC Bulletins – circulated after each NEMLC meeting
- Circulars
- All queries to be submitted to [SAEDP@health.gov.za](mailto:SAEDP@health.gov.za)  
(or email team directly)

## Webinars

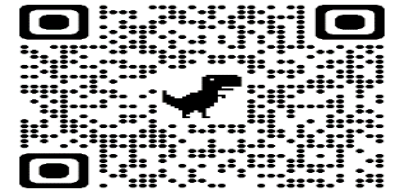
Knowledge Hub: <https://knowledgehub.health.gov.za/webinars>





## Guide on how to access the Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicines List and related technical documents on Knowledge Hub

Scan Here

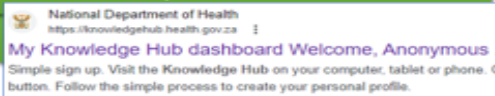


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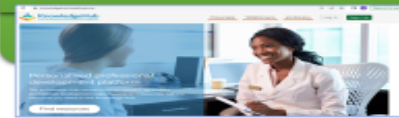
1. Google "Knowledge Hub"



2. Click on the link that comes up



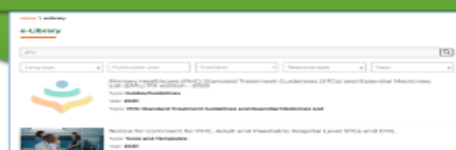
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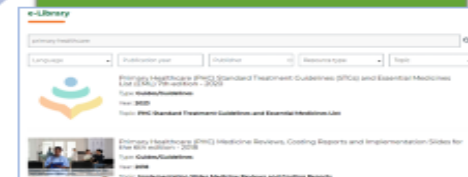
4. Click on eLibrary to come to this page:



5. Type in keyword: e.g. "phc"



6. Another option is "primary healthcare"



Other keywords that you can use:  
'hospital level'; 'paediatric'; 'adult'; 'tertiary';  
'notice for comment'







## What else is available on KnowledgeHub?

Medicine reviews and costing reports for each of the STGs / EML



example



The National Essential Medicines List Committee 2021-2024

- NEMLC Members
- Governance documents
- Therapeutic interchange policy
- NEMLC Bulletins

Circulars from the Affordable Medicines Directorate



example



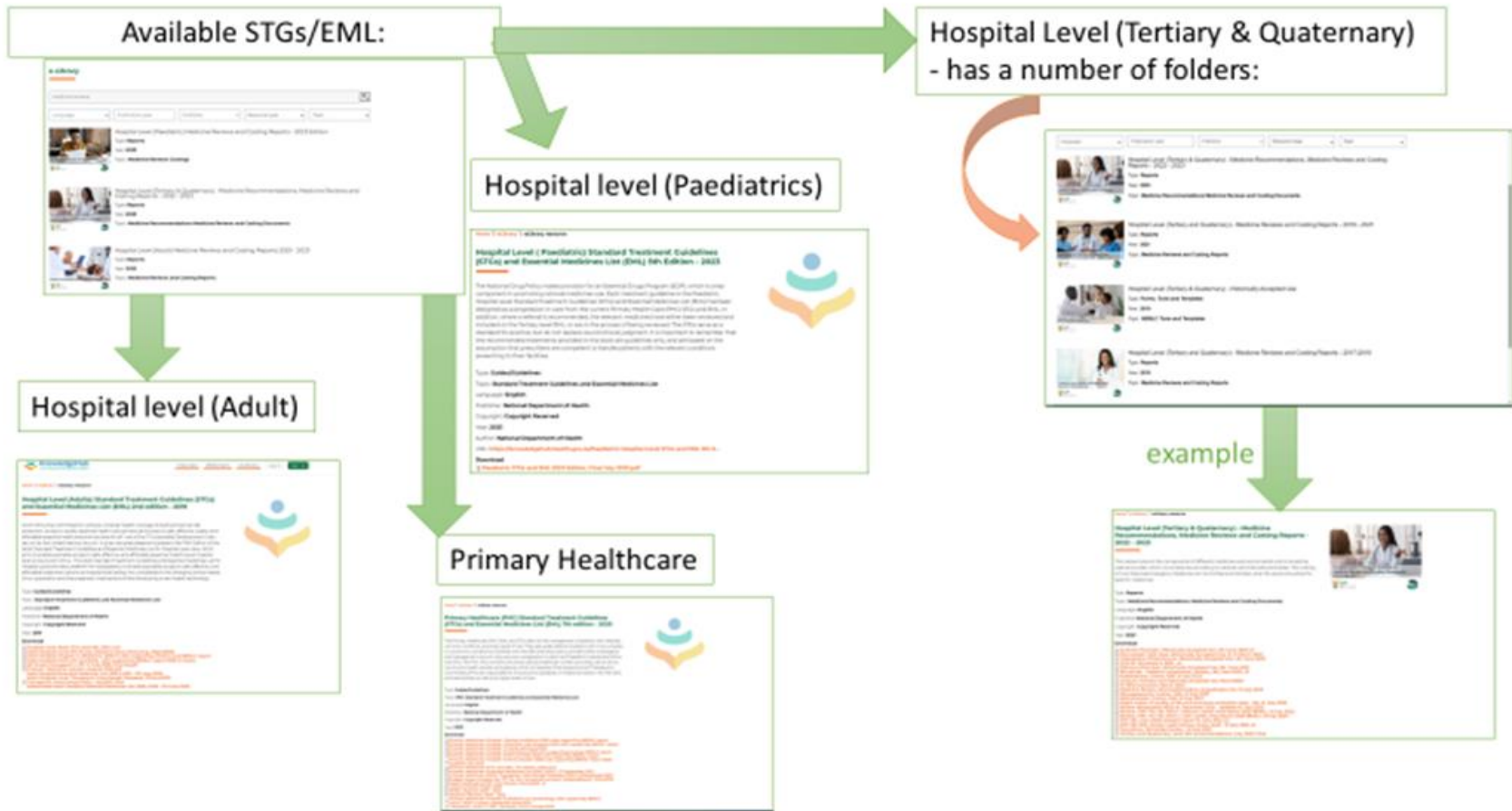
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# How the STGs/EML are presented on KnowledgeHub



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# Status of Chapters Index



**COMING  
SOON**

- An index is being developed which will be published on the website showing the **status of chapters** for the PHC & Adult Hospital Level STGs & EML 2020-4 edition.
- The table will direct the reader to the **current version of the chapter (with links)**, the **review status as well as supporting circulars and technical documents (with links)** corresponding to that chapter.
- Example of the PHC table displayed below.

Chapter number	Chapter Name	Current version in use		Current Status	Supporting Circulars 2023/4	Supporting Technical Documents
		NHI Website	Knowledge Hub Website			
1	Dental and Oral Conditions	<a href="#">2020-4</a>	<a href="#">2020-4</a>	Published		<a href="#">Primary-Healthcare-Chapter-1-Dental-conditions_2020-3_with-supporting-NEMLC-report.pdf</a>



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