

New Edition of the Primary Healthcare and Adult Hospital Level Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) and Essential Medicines List (EML)

Webinar Series

Session 5:

Infections– Updates to the National Department of Health STGs & EML
Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Report

Date: 27 August 2024

Time: 13h00 – 14h00



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Prof Lesley Robertson is jointly appointed as the head of unit psychiatrist in the Sedibeng District Specialist Mental Health Team and as adjunct professor in the department of psychiatry at the University of the Witwatersrand. As a member of the National Essential Medicines List Committee and the Gauteng Provincial Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, Prof Robertson supports progress towards universal health coverage in South Africa. Her research interest is in the field of public mental health, and she collaborates with the Centre for Health Policy at the University of the Witwatersrand in conducting local research into mental health care systems.



Qualifications

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Time	Topic	Presenter
Session Chair: Prof Lesley Robertson <i>Head of Clinical Unit, Sedibeng District Specialist Mental Health Team</i> <i>Member of PHC/ AHL Expert Review Committee (ERC)</i> <i>Member of National Essential Medicines List Committee (NEMLC)</i>		
13:00 - 13:05	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Prof Lesley Robertson
13:05 – 13:10	Overview of updated PHC and AHL STGs	Ms Maropeng Rapetsoa <i>Pharmaceutical Policy Specialist – Selection</i> <i>National Department of Health</i>
13:10 – 13:30	Infections – Update to the NDoH STGs and EML	Dr Jeremy Nel <i>Head of Infectious Diseases</i> <i>Helen Joseph Hospital</i> <i>PHC/ AHL ERC Committee member</i>
13:30 - 13:40	Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Report	Dr Ruth Lancaster <i>Pharmaceutical Policy Specialist – Rational</i> <i>Medicine Use/ MAC-AMR Secretariat</i> <i>National Department of Health</i>
13:40 – 13:55	Questions and Discussion	All
13:55 – 14:00	Closure	Prof Lesley Robertson



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Ms Maropeng Rapetsoa is currently working at the South African National Department of Health under the Affordable Medicines Directorate, as a Pharmaceutical Policy Specialist. She works within the Essential Drugs Programme, involved in the process of selection of essential medicines. She is currently a member of the secretariat for the Primary Healthcare and Adult Hospital Level Expert Review Committees, as well as the National Essential Medicines List Committee.



Qualifications

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Dr Jeremey Nel is a physician and infectious diseases specialist, and the head of infectious diseases at Helen Joseph Hospital and the University of the Witwatersrand. He is past president of the Infectious Diseases Society of South Africa, and an active member of the Southern African HIV Clinicians Society. He has published research in the fields of HIV, tuberculosis, nontuberculous mycobacteria, COVID and cryptococcal meningitis, and lead or participated in clinical trials in COVID-19, cryptococcal meningitis, and pneumonia therapeutics.



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Dr Ruth Lancaster is currently working at the South African National Department of Health under the Affordable Medicines Directorate, as a Pharmaceutical Policy Specialist. She works within the Essential Drugs Programme, through which the selection of essential medicines is conducted and monitored. She is currently a member of the secretariat for the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Antimicrobial Resistance, and the Third Line ART Peer Review Committee. She studied for her pharmacy degree at Rhodes University and continued with a postgraduate degree in clinical pharmacy at the same institution. After completing these studies, she worked as a clinical pharmacist within a private hospital, before moving to work with the Department at the end of 2015.



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