



NATIONAL ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST COMMITTEE (NEMLC) BULLETIN

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2022: MEETING OUTCOMES FOR PUBLIC DISSEMINATION

ACCESS TO STANDARD TREATMENT GUIDELINES AND ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST

The following are the latest editions of the Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) and Essential Medicines List (EML):

- **Primary Health Care:** STGs and EML 2020 Edition (plus updated 2020-3 chapter(s) ratified by NEMLC)
- **Hospital Level Adult:** STGs and EML 2019 Edition
- **Hospital Level Paediatric:** STGs and EML 2017 Edition (plus updated 2022 chapters ratified by NEMLC)
- **Tertiary and Quaternary:** EML July 2021 Edition

The following formats of the STGs and EML are accepted by the National Department of Health (NDoH):

- **EML Clinical Guide mobile application:** To download, click on the link: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.jembi.healthconnect.guides.ps.eml&hl=en_IN&gl=US (Please note that the Primary Health Care STGs on this platform have not yet been updated to the 2020 version, but is accessible on the EMGuidance application)
- **PDF downloads from the NDoH website:** The website is currently being restructured and documents will be available shortly.
- **Knowledge Hub:**

Primary Health Care, 2020	https://www.knowledgehub.org.za/elibrary/primary-healthcare-phc-standard-treatment-guidelines-and-essential-medicines-list-south
Hospital Level – Paediatrics, 2017 (plus updated 2022 chapters ratified by NEMLC)	https://www.knowledgehub.org.za/elibrary/hospital-level-paediatrics-standard-treatment-guidelines-and-essential-medicines-list
Hospital Level – Adults, 2019	https://www.knowledgehub.org.za/elibrary/hospital-level-adults-standard-treatment-guidelines-and-essential-medicines-list-2nd
Tertiary and Quaternary, July 2021	https://www.knowledgehub.org.za/elibrary/hospital-level-tertiary-and-quaternary-essential-medicines-list

- **Ideal Clinic:** PHC STGs and EML, 2020 edition has also been uploaded to this platform (click the documents tab) - <https://www.idealhealthfacility.org.za/>
- **EMGuidance mobile application:** To sign up, click on the link: <http://onlink.to/sy896k>

ACCESS TO CIRCULARS FROM THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Circulars that are developed by the Essential Drugs Programme are uploaded on the NDoH website and Knowledge Hub. The website is currently being restructured and documents will be available shortly. Please email SAEDP (SAEDP@health.gov.za) if you would like to be put on the mailing list for circulars and other EDP updates.

The following circulars were disseminated from January to February 2022:

- Co-Administration of COVID-19 and other vaccines
- Recommended therapeutic alternative for dinoprostone tablets
- Procurement of methylphenidate long-acting formulations

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE (PHC) AND ADULT HOSPITAL LEVEL STANDARD TREATMENT GUIDELINES AND ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST

- The following chapters have been reviewed and ratified for *external comment*, with the respective NEMLC report and appropriate medicine review(s) and costings:
 - **Adult Hospital Level: BBFO chapter**
 - **PHC: CVS chapter**
 - **Adult Hospital Level: HIV and AIDs chapter**
 - **PHC: HIV and AIDs chapter**
 - **PHC: Skin Chapter**
 - **Adult Hospital Level: Dermatology Chapter**

Comments are due by the 04 April 2022 and may be submitted *via* e-mail to:

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PAEDIATRIC HOSPITAL LEVEL STANDARD TREATMENT GUIDELINES AND ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST

- The following chapter has been reviewed by NEMLC and ratified for *external comment*:
 - **Chapter 10: Tuberculosis**

Comments are due by the 28 March 2022 and may be submitted *via* e-mail to:

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- The following chapter has been reviewed for *final ratification* by NEMLC.
 - **Chapter 23: Adolescence**

COVID-19 RAPID REVIEWS

The most current version of the COVID-19 rapid review reports as well as governance documents are available on the NDoH website at: <http://www.health.gov.za/covid-19-rapid-reviews/>

The following rapid review has been conducted from January to February 2022 and published in the public domain:

- Rapid review of remdesivir – 15 February 2022



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The Affordable Medicines Directorate has published guidelines To support the functioning of PTCs, called: *National Guideline for the Establishment and Functioning of Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committees in South Africa.* You can request this from SAEDP@health.gov.za