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**NOTICE: PUBLICATION OF THE NATIONAL ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST (NEMLC) APPROVED UPDATES TO THE ADULT HOSPITAL LEVEL CHAPTERS: GYNAECOLOGY AND SYSTEMIC AND HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS FOR THE STANDARD TREATMENT GUIDELINES (STGs) AND ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST (EML) (2024 EDITION)**

The 2024 editions of the Primary Healthcare (PHC) and Adult Hospital Level Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) and Essential Medicines List (EML) is currently under review. In the interim, chapters and supporting technical documents (medicine reviews, costing reports) that have been updated and developed in this cycle, 2020-2024 have been uploaded onto the Knowledge Hub eLibrary and the NHI webpage.

Below is a list of the updated documents and the corresponding URL, for access from the Knowledge Hub eLibrary and NHI webpage.

1. **Adult Hospital Level Chapter 05: Gynaecology with the supporting NEMLC report.**
2. **Adult Hospital Level Chapter 09: Systemic and healthcare-associated infections with the supporting NEMLC report.**
3. **Adult Hospital Level Appendix II: Prescribing Information on specific medicines.**
4. **Adult Hospital Level: How to use these guidelines.**
5. **Adult Hospital Level Chapter 19: Poisoning with the supporting NEMLC report.**

- Knowledge Hub: <https://knowledgehub.health.gov.za/elibrary/hospital-level-adults-standard-treatment-guidelines-stgs-and-essential-medicines-list-eml>
- NHI webpage: <https://www.health.gov.za/nhi-edp-stgs-eml/>

These documents will also be available on the EMGuidance application platform in due course. To sign up, click on the link: <http://onelink.to/sy896k>.

Please refer to the chapter, corresponding NEMLC report and evidence-based medicine review (where available) for detailed explanations of all the medicine, general measures and editorial amendments made to the STGs in the 2020 to 2024 review cycle.

Provinces and Healthcare Facilities are requested to distribute and communicate this information in consultation with the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committees for immediate implementation. Kindly share with all healthcare professionals and relevant stakeholders.

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