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NOTICE: PUBLICATION OF THE NATIONAL ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST (NEMLC) APPROVED UPDATES TO THE PRIMARY HEALTHCARE (PHC) AND ADULT HOSPITAL LEVEL CHAPTERS: GASTRO-INTESTINAL CONDITIONS, ALIMENTARY TRACT AND EMERGENCIES AND INJURIES, FOR THE STANDARD TREATMENT GUIDELINES (STGs) AND ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST (EML) (2024 EDITION)

The 2024 editions of the PHC and Adult Hospital Level STGs and EML are currently under review. Updates to chapters and supporting technical documents (medicine reviews, costing reports and NEMLC reports) for the 2020-4 review cycle are uploaded onto the National Department of Health Knowledge Hub eLibrary and the NHI webpage as they are finalised for publication.

Below is a list of the recently published documents and the corresponding URLs:

1. **Primary Healthcare EML: Chapter 2-Gastro-intestinal conditions with the supporting NEMLC report.**
2. **Primary Healthcare EML: Chapter 21-Emergencies and injuries with the supporting NEMLC report.**
3. **Adult Hospital EML: Chapter 1-Alimentary tract with the supporting NEMLC report.**
4. **Adult Hospital EML: Chapter 20-Emergencies and Injuries with the supporting NEMLC report.**
5. **Adult Hospital EML: Appendix V-Asthma Monitoring.**
6. **Rapid scoping review: Burn dressings.**
7. **Medicine review: Ketamine for analgesation in trauma.**
8. **Medicine review: Morphine for pulmonary oedema.**
9. **Medicine review: Olanzapine for delirium.**
10. **Evidence summary: Temperature control in post-cardiac arrest.**
 - 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/s (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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