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NOTICE: PUBLICATION OF THE NATIONAL ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST COMMITTEE (NEMLC) APPROVED UPDATES TO THE PRIMARY HEALTHCARE LEVEL (PHC) AND ADULT HOSPITAL LEVEL (AHL) 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 updated documents and the corresponding URL, for access from the Knowledge Hub eLibrary and NHI webpage.

1. **Medicine Review: Buprenorphine for Opioid Agonist Therapy**
2. **Medicine Review: Methadone for Opioid Agonist Therapy**
3. **Primary Healthcare Level: PHC Implementation slide decks for the following chapters:**
 - i. **Chapter 1: Dental and oral conditions**
 - ii. **Chapter 3: Nutrition and Anaemia**
 - iii. **Chapter 6: Obstetrics & Gynaecology**
 - iv. **Chapter 7: Family planning**
 - v. **Chapter 10: Infections and Related Conditions**
 - vi. **Chapter 16: Mental Health Conditions**

- 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, use the following link: <http://onelink.to/sy896k>.

Please refer to the chapter, corresponding NEMLC report and evidence-based medicine reviews and costings (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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