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NOTICE: AVAILABILITY OF FLUCYTOSINE

The Adult Hospital Level Essential Medicines List (EML) recommends the use of flucytosine in the management of cryptococcal meningitis, together with amphotericin B and fluconazole (see *Figure 1 for the link to the guidelines*).

Stock of flucytosine was written off in July 2024 as it had expired due to low uptake of the product by the provinces.

To prevent future stock write-offs, it is recommended that facilities ensure that they review their need for flucytosine and to place orders regularly with the pharmaceutical depot (see *Table 1*).

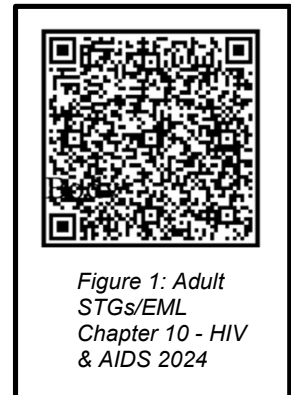


Table 1: Flucytosine product description as per the Medicines Health Products List

Contract	National Stock Number (NSN)	Medicine Description	Brand name	Supplier name
HP02-2023AI	222001495	Flucytosine; 500mg; Tablet; 100 Tablets	Flucytosine Mylan 500mg	Viatrix Healthcare (Pty) Ltd

The supplier currently has stock on hand, and facilities are encouraged to place orders from their pharmaceutical depots. Contract Management Unit can be contacted for any other queries on stock availability in the country.

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

Kind regards,

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