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NOTICE: PUBLICATION OF THE NATIONAL ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST COMMITTEE (NEMLC) APPROVED UPDATES TO THE PRIMARY HEALTHCARE (PHC) AND ADULT HOSPITAL LEVEL (AHL) CHAPTERS FOR THE STANDARD TREATMENT GUIDELINES (STGs) AND ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST (EML) – 2024 EDITIONS

Below is a list of the recently published chapters and appendices for the 2024 editions of the PHC and Adult Hospital Level STGs and EML. Updates to chapters and supporting technical documents (medicine reviews, costing reports, NEMLC reports and PHC implementation slides) for the 2020 to 2024 review cycle are uploaded onto the National Health Insurance (NHI) webpage and the Knowledge Hub eLibrary following finalisation for publication.

PHC Chapters with the associated NEMLC reports		Status
Chapter 4: Cardiovascular Conditions		New
Chapter 11: HIV and AIDS (Version 2.1)		Key updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug interaction: Dolutegravir (DTG) and metformin
Adult Hospital Level chapters with the associated NEMLC reports		Status
Chapter 3: Cardiovascular System		New
Chapter 10: HIV and AIDS (Version 2.1)		Key updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug interaction: DTG and metformin • Cryptococcus algorithm - erratum
List of Medicine Reviews and Costing Analyses: <i>Please refer to the individual medicine reviews and/or economic reports for the NEMLC recommendation which may/ may not support inclusion on the EML.</i>		
Topic	Relevance to:	
	PHC Level of Care	Adult Hospital Level of Care
Aspirin for primary cardiovascular disease prevention	√	√
Direct-acting Oral Anticoagulants (DOACs) for chronic non-valvular atrial fibrillation		√
Indapamide versus HCTZ as first line for uncomplicated primary hypertension	√	√
Oxygen therapy for ST elevated myocardial infarction	√	√
Rivaroxaban for stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation - Health Economics Report Update		√
Appendices		
PHC - Appendix III: Cardiovascular Risk Assessment		
AHL - Appendix VII: Cardiovascular Risk Assessment		

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The corresponding URLs are listed below:

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

Knowledge Hub-PHC: <https://knowledgehub.health.gov.za/elibrary/primary-healthcare-phc-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, please click on the link: <http://onelink.to/sy896k>.

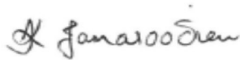
Please refer to the chapter, corresponding NEMLC report and evidence-based medicine review/s and costing reports (where available) for detailed explanations of all the medicine, general measures and editorial amendments made to the STGs and EMLs in the 2020 to 2024 review cycle.

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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Kind regards,



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