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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 How to Use These Guidelines 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, PHC implementation slides) for the 2020-2024 review cycle are uploaded onto the National Department of Health Knowledge Hub eLibrary and the National Health Insurance (NHI) webpage following finalisation for publication.

PHC Chapters with the associated NEMLC reports	Status	
Chapter 5: Skin conditions	2024 Chapter update	
Chapter 20: Pain	2024 Chapter update	
Chapter 22: Medicines used in palliative care	2024 Chapter update	
Adult Hospital Level chapters with the associated NEMLC reports	Status	
Chapter 4: Dermatology	2024 Chapter update	
Chapter 24: Medicines used in palliative care	2024 Chapter update	
Chapter 25: Pain	2024 Chapter update	
List of Medicine Reviews: <i>Please refer to the individual medicine reviews for the NEMLC recommendation which may/not support inclusion on the EML.</i>		
Topic	Relevance to:	
	PHC Level of Care	Adult Hospital Level of Care
Cephalexin for Staphylococcus aureus skin infections	√	√
Pre-amble		
PHC 2024 Edition-How to use these guidelines		
AHL 2024 Edition-How to use these guidelines		

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, click on the link: <http://onelink.to/sy896k>.

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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 medicines, 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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