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## **ERRATUM TO THE PUBLISHED PRIMARY HEALTHCARE (PHC) AND ADULT HOSPITAL LEVEL (AHL) STANDARD TREATMENT GUIDELINES (STGs) AND ESSENTIAL MEDICINE LIST (EML), 2024 EDITIONS**

Please note the following corrections to the Primary Healthcare Chapter 10: Infections and related conditions and the Adult Hospital Level (AHL) Chapter 9: Systemic and Healthcare-associated Infections. These amendments will be reflected in the final editions of the PHC 2024, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition and the AHL 2024, 6<sup>th</sup> Editions once published.

**For the PHC level, the dose of oral azithromycin for the treatment of Tick Bite Fever in pregnant women has been corrected to once daily in the STG as indicated below:**

### **10.14 TICK BITE FEVER**

#### **MEDICINE TREATMENT**

Mild to moderate infection:

##### In pregnancy:

- Doxycycline, oral, 100 mg 12 hourly for 2 days.

Then switch to:

- Azithromycin, oral, 500 mg ~~12 hourly~~ once daily for 3 days.

**For the AHL, the dose of oral azithromycin for the treatment of Tick Bite Fever in pregnant women has been corrected to once daily in the STG as indicated below:**

### **9.10 TICK BITE FEVER**

#### **MEDICINE TREATMENT**

If pregnant:

- Doxycycline, oral, 100 mg 12 hourly for 2 days.

Then switch to:

- Azithromycin, oral, 500 mg ~~12 hourly~~ once daily for 3 days.

### **Erratum dissemination**

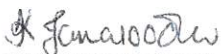
Provinces and Healthcare facilities are requested to distribute and communicate this information in consultation with the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committees and all other relevant stakeholders.

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The Most recent updates to the individual chapters are accessible on the National Department of Health NHI web page (<https://www.health.gov.za/nhi-edp-stgs-eml/>) as follows:

- Primary Healthcare Chapter 10: Infections and related conditions (version 1.1 updated 20 January 2025); and
- Adult Hospital Level (AHL) Chapter 9: Systemic and Healthcare-associated Infections (version 1.2 updated 20 Jan 2025).

Kind regards



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