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NOTICE: ESSENTIAL DRUGS PROGRAMME COMMUNICATION PLATFORM ON WHATSAPP – EDP COMMUNICATIONS IN WHATSAPP COMMUNITIES

The Essential Drugs Programme (EDP) communicates information around updates on medicine-related matters, circulars on alternatives, upcoming webinars, call for stakeholder comment, generally via email and through the National Health Insurance website.

The EDP has recently created a WhatsApp Communities group, called EDP Communications, on which there are 4 groups that those interested may join:

- STGs and EML links: where updates to where the latest STGs and EMLs can be accessed will be shared.
- Webinars: where information on upcoming webinars will be shared.
- Circulars, medicine updates: where information on any medicine updates that affect medicines on the Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicines Lists, will be shared.
- General: this is an open group chat, where members can write comments. This is the only group that external members can send comments on.

Healthcare workers interested in joining the EDP Communications Community, can join using the following methods:

- Click this link in WhatsApp: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GEN6bH1rKYVKSJ1bz34Ne9>
- QR code:



Circular 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.

Kind regards

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