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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 implementation slides for the 2024 edition of the PHC and AHL STGs and EML. Updates to chapters and supporting technical documents (medicine reviews, costing reports, NEMLC reports and PHC implementation slides) for the 2020-4 review cycle are uploaded onto the National Health Insurance (NHI) webpage following finalisation for publication.

PHC Chapters with the associated NEMLC reports		Status
Chapter 7: Family Planning (Version 1.0)		New
AHL Chapters with the associated NEMLC reports		Status
Chapter 19: Poisoning (Version 2.0)		Key Updates - STG 19.18.2 Organophosphate poisoning
PHC Implementation slides		Status
Chapter 7: Family Planning		New
List of Medicine Reviews and Costing Analyses: Please refer to the individual medicine reviews and/or economic reports for the NEMLC recommendation which may/ may not support inclusion on the EML.		
Topic	Relevance to:	
	PHC Level of Care	Adult Hospital Level of Care
Subcutaneous-depot medroxyprogesterone acetate (DMPA-SC) review	√	

The documents listed above can be accessed on the National Department of Health's website, National Health Insurance (NHI) webpage, Primary Healthcare tab on the following link: <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>.

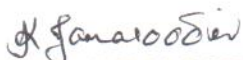
Please refer to the chapter, corresponding NEMLC report and evidence-based medicine review/s and costing reports (where available) for detailed explanations of all the medicine, general measures and editorial amendments made to the STGs and EMLs in the 2020-4 review cycle.

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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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