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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON THE STANDARD TREATMENT GUIDELINE (STGs) FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF ANAEMIA ASSOCIATED WITH CKD IN PATIENTS ON DIALYSIS PROGRAMMES FOR THE ADULT HOSPITAL LEVEL OF CARE.

The ministerially appointed National Essential Medicines List Committee (NEMLC) invites comment on the draft STGs recommending the addition of Methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta as a treatment alternative, when clinically indicated, for patients on peritoneal dialysis. This forms part of NEMLC 2025-2029 review of prioritised topic areas. The following STG for the Adult Hospital Level is applicable, and comments are invited on the draft guidance. The associated summary document for the rationale of decision, and the NEMLC report are included for additional information.

Level of care	Chapter
Adult Hospital Level	AHL Chapter 7: Nephrology/Urological Disorders Section 7.1.1: Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

The STGs and EML are designated by level of care and are intended to guide clinicians providing care at each level; to promote access to essential medicines and to manage common conditions at the respective levels of care.

Kindly circulate this invitation to comment to relevant healthcare professionals at your institutions. Constructive comment regarding the identification of major errors, areas of misalignment or where updates are required, will be appreciated. Please include a short motivation to substantiate any comment made.

It would be appreciated if comments can be received by **20 March 2026**.

Comments may be submitted *via* e-mail to:

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Your support and input in this regard is encouraged and appreciated.

Kind regards

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