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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): 2025 – 2029 REVIEW CYCLE

Below is a list of the recently published 2026 chapter updates to previous editions of the PHC and AHL STGs and EML. Updates to chapters and supporting technical documents (medicine reviews, costing reports, NEMLC reports, implementation slides for PHC level) for the 2025 – 2029 review cycle are uploaded onto the National Health Insurance (NHI) webpage following finalisation for publication, accessible online @ <https://www.health.gov.za/nhi-edp-stgs-eml/>.

PHC Chapters with the associated NEMLC reports	Status
Chapter 6: Obstetrics & gynaecology (Version 1.0)	Key Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STG 6.2 Miscarriage - Updated guidance - Anti-D Immunoglobulin
AHL Chapters with the associated NEMLC reports	Status
Chapter 6: Obstetrics (Version 2.0)	Key Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.11.2 Prevention of Preterm Labour – Addition of progesterone per vagina for twin pregnancies 6.18 The Rhesus Negative Woman – Instructions on Anti-D Immunoglobulin amended
PHC Implementation Slides	Status
Chapter 6: Obstetrics & gynaecology (Version 1.0)	As per key chapter updates
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.	
Review	Level of Care
Progesterone, per vagina, for prevention of preterm labour In Twin Pregnancies	AHL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The documents listed above 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 2025 – 2029 review cycle.

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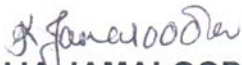
Provinces and Healthcare facilities are requested to distribute and communicate this information in consultation with the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committees for immediate implementation.

Kindly share with all healthcare professionals and relevant stakeholders.

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