

Chapter 5: Skin Conditions



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PRIMARY HEALTHCARE STANDARD TREATMENT
GUIDELINES AND ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST
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EVIDENCE

Please access the National Essential Medicines List Committee (NEMLC) report for detailed evidence (including rationale, references and costings) informing decision-making on medicine addition, amendments and deletions:

- NHI webpage: <https://www.health.gov.za/nhi-edp-stgs-eml/>

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Medicine Amendments



SECTION

5.10.6.2 Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS)

Medicine/ Management

Levetiracetam, Oral

Decision

Added to the list of medicines associated with a risk of causing DRESS

Note: NEMLC has not identified any robust, published incidence rates for DRESS associated with levetiracetam. Available evidence is largely based on spontaneous reports and pharmacovigilance data rather than cohort studies.

- Although rare, the risk of DRESS is serious. Levetiracetam added in chapter to support early recognition.



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