

NATIONAL ESSENTIAL DRUG LIST	COMMENTS	Lowest level of Use
<i>Updated January 2014</i>		
Abbreviations		
M/H = Main Hospital	D = Dispensary	
CMS = Central Medical Store		
R/H = Rural Hospital	A/P = Aid Post	
H/C = Health Centre	F/A = First Aid	
ANAESTHETICS		
Halothane inhalation 500ml		R/H
Nitrous Oxide Inhalation		M/H
Oxygen inhalation	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	D
Bupivacaine inj. 0.5%, 10ml		R/H
Bupivacaine Spinal Heavy 0.5% 4ml	<i>OT use only</i>	M/H
Ephedrine inj. 30mg/ml, 1ml		R/H
Isoflurane inhalation	<i>VCH only initially</i>	VCH/NPH
Ketamine inj. 50 mg/ml in 10ml		R/H
Lignocaine inj. 1% 20ml		D
Lignocaine inj. 2%, 20ml		R/H
Lignocaine dental inj. 2% + adrenaline 1:80,000 2.2ml	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	D
Propofol Injection 200mg/20mL		VCH/NPH
Thiopentone inj. 500mg		R/H
ANALGESICS & ANTISPASMODICS		
Aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) tablet 300mg		F/A
Hyoscine tablet 10mg		R/H
Hyoscine inj. 20mg in 1ml	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	H/C
Paracetamol tablet 500mg		F/A
Paracetamol syrup 120mg/5ml - various sizes		A/P
Paracetamol suppo 125mg		R/H
Paracetamol Suppos 500mg		M/H
NARCOTIC ANALGESICS & ANTAGONISTS		
Codeine tablet 30mg	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	D
Fentanyl inj. 50mcg/ml, 2ml		M/H
Morphine inj. 10mg/ml	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	R/H
Morphine tablet SR 10mg		R/H
Morphine tablet SR 30mg		R/H
Morphine tablet SR 60mg		R/H
Naloxone inj. 0.4mg/ml, 2ml		H/C
ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS		
Allopurinol tablet 100mg		M/H
Ibuprofen tablet 400mg		D
Indomethacin suppo 100mg	<i>Limited supply-see info sheet</i>	R/H
Probenecid tablet 500mg		D
ANTI-ALLERGICS		
Chlorpheniramine 4mg tab		D
Methylprednisolone 40mg inj depot		M/H
Promethazine inj. 50mg		D
ANTIDOTES		
Atropine inj. 1mg/ml Inj		D
Charcoal, activated soln		R/H
ANTI-EPILEPTICS		
Carbamazepine tablet 200mg		R/H
Diazepam inj. 5mg/ml, 2ml		D
Phenobarbitone tablet 30mg	Named patient	D
Phenobarbitone inj. 200mg/ml, 1ml		D
Phenytoin tablet 100mg	Named patient	D
Phenytoin inj. 50mg /ml, 5ml		R/H

Sodium valproate tablet 150mg	Named patient	R/H
ANTI-HELMINTHICS (INTESTINAL)		
Albendazole chewable tablet 200mg /400mg		A/P
ANTIFILARIALS		
Diethylcarbamazine tablet 50mg	<i>No further purchases - delete 2014</i>	R/H
Ivermectin tablet 3mg/6mg	<i>Restricted to Crusted Scabies only</i>	CMS
ANTIBACTERIALS		
Amoxicillin tab/cap 250mg		D
Amoxicillin Syrup 125mg/5ml		R/H
Amoxicillin + Clavulanic acid tablet 500+125mg	Restricted use	R/H
Ampicillin inj. 1g		D
Azithromycin tablet 500mg	Restricted use for STI/YAWS/Trachoma	D
Benzathine Penicillin inj. 1.2 Mega		R/H
Benzyl penicillin inj. 600mg		D
Ceftriaxone inj. 1g	Restricted use	R/H
Chloramphenicol cap/tab 250mg		R/H
Chloramphenicol syrup 125mg/5ml, 100ml		R/H
Chloramphenicol inj. 1g		D
Ciprofloxacin scored tablet 500mg	Restricted use STI/Typhoid/Shigella	D for STI
Cloxacillin tablet 250mg	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	D
Cloxacillin inj. 500mg		D
Cotrimoxazole tablet 480mg		A/P
Doxycycline 100mg tablet		D
Erythromycin cap/tab 250mg	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	D
Erythromycin suspension 125 mg/5ml		R/H
Gentamicin inj. 80mg		D
Penicillin V tablet 250mg		A/P
Procaine Penicillin 3Mega		D
ANTILEPTIC		
Clofazimine in MB Combi Pack		R/H
Rifampicin cap 150mg		R/H
MB Combi Packs		R/H
ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS		
Ethambutol 400mg		R/H
Isoniazid tablet 100mg		R/H
Pyrazinamide tablet 400mg		R/H
Rifampicin cap 150mg		R/H
Rifampicin 100mg/5ml Syrup		R/H
Rifampicin 150mg/Isoniazid 75mg Tab		R/H
Rifampicin 150mg/Isoniazid 75mg/Ethambutol 275mg/ Pyrazinamide 400mg Tab		R/H
Streptomycin inj. 1g		R/H
ANTIFUNGALS		
Benzoic Acid comp Oint 40g		A/P
Clotrimazole Cream 20g		H/C
Clotrimazole 500mg Pessary		D
Griseofulvin tablet 500mg	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	D
Nystatin drops 100,000 IU/ml, 24ml		H/C
ANTI-PROTOZOAL		
Chloroquine tablet 150mg	<i>Prophylaxis of malaria only</i>	D
Metronidazole tablet 200mg		D
Metronidazole inj. 500mg in 100ml		R/H
Primaquine tablet 7.5mg/15mg base		H/C
Quinine tablet 300mg	<i>Limited use</i>	H/C
Quinine inj. 600mg	<i>Limited use</i>	D

Tinidazole tablet 500mg		D
Arthemeter-Lumefantrine (Coartem 20/120)		A/P
Artesunate injection (2.4 mg /kg)		H/C
Artesunate suppository (50 mg / 100mg)		A/P
ANTINEOPLASTICS		
Cyclophosphamide tablet 50mg		CMS
Cyclophosphamide inj. 500mg		CMS
Methotrexate tablet 2.5mg		CMS
Methotrexate 50mg inj		CMS
Tamoxifen tablet 20mg		R/H
ANTI-PARKINSONISM		
Benzhexol tablet 2mg		M/H
Benztropine 2mg/2ml Inj.		M/H
Levodopa+carbidopa tablet 250+25mg		R/H
BLOOD & HAEMATOPOIETIC		
Ferrous sulph. 200mg + folic acid 0.40mg tablet		A/P
Folic Acid 5mg tablet		R/H
Ferrous Fumarate Syrup 5L		D
Hydroxocobalamin inj. 1mg in 1ml		M/H
Heparin inj. 5000 IU/ml, 5ml		R/H
Phytomenadione inj. 1mg		D
Warfarin tablet 1mg	<i>Retain same brands if possible</i>	R/H
Warfarin tablet 3mg		R/H
Warfarin tablet 5mg		R/H
CARDIOVASCULAR		
A. ANTI-ANGINA & ANTI-ARRHYTHMIC		
Atenolol inj. 5mg	<i>VCH/NPH only</i>	VCH/NPH
Amiodarone 150mg/3ml Inj - <i>Annex to VCH</i>		VCH
Glyceryl trinitrate tablet subling. 600mcg	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	D
Glyceryl trinitrate 5mg/24hr patch	<i>Small supply for Named Patients</i>	M/H
Verapamil inj. 5mg		M/H
B. ANTI-HYPERTENSIVE		
Atenolol tablet 50mg		H/C
Atenolol inj. 5mg	<i>VCH/NPH only</i>	VCH/NPH
Enalapril tablet 5mg/10mg		R/H
Hydralazine inj. 20mg	<i>For preg induced hypertension</i>	H/C
Hydrochlorothiazide tablet 25mg		D
Magnesium sulphate inj. 50% 10ml	<i>Need Calcium gluc as antidote</i>	D
Methyldopa tablet 250mg	<i>only for preg-induced hypertension</i>	R/H
Nifedipine SR tablet 20mg	<i>Half chewed as a tocolytic</i>	D
C. CARDIAC GLYCOSIDES		
Digoxin tablet 250mcg		H/C
Digoxin elixir 50mcg/ml 50ml		R/H
Digoxin inj. 500mcg in 2ml		R/H
D. ANTI-SHOCK		
Adrenaline inj. 1mg in 1ml (1:1000)		D
Hydrocortisone inj. 100mg		D
E. DIURETICS		
Frusemide tablet 40mg		D
Frusemide inj. 20mg		R/H
Hydrochlorothiazide tablet 25mg		D
Spirolactone 25mg Tabs		R/H
F. LIPID LOWERING AGENT		
Simvastatin 20mg tablet	<i>Restricted use after heart attack or stroke</i>	M/H
DERMATOLOGICAL DRUGS		
Benzoic acid 6% + salicylic acid 3% oint 40g/500g		A/P
Benzyl benzoate lotion 25% 1L		A/P

Chlorhexidine Skin Cream		F/A
Clotrimazole cream 1% 15g		H/C
Hydrocortisone 1% Cream/Ointment 15g		H/C
Ichthammol 10% oint		D
Paraffin gauze dressing sterile 10x10cm 100 units	<i>For burns use only</i>	R/H
Silver Nitrate Sticks		D
Silver sulphadiazine cream 1% 100g/ 500g		R/H
Zinc oxide oint 15% 500 - 800g		D
EAR, NOSE & THROAT		
Chlorhexidine Mouthwash	<i>Dentist use only</i>	M/H
Oil of cloves (Eugenol)	<i>Dentist use only</i>	M/H
Sofradex/Otodex Ear drops		R/H
Kenacomb Ear Ointment		R/H
DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS - REAGENTS		
Glucose and protein in urine		D
Substances in urine x7/9 tests		M/H
Glucose in Blood -Betachek visual strips		D
Glucose in Blood - machine and strips (Omnitest)		H/C
ANTISEPTICS & DISINFECTANTS		
Alcohol, swab with (Alcowipe™) 100 units		D
Alcohol 70%/80%/95%		D
Chlorhexidine 1% Cream 25g		D
Chlorine Tablets/Sachets		D
Formaldehyde Soln 10%/37%		R/H
Glutaraldehyde Soln (Cidex) 5L		M/H
Hospital grade neutral detergent	<i>Clinic supply only, not hospitals</i>	A/P
Hydrogen peroxide sol 6% 100ml		R/H
Povidone iodine sol 10%, 200ml/500ml		A/P
Povidone iodine surg. scrub sol 7.5% 500ml		R/H
Soda Lime 5kg		M/H
GASTRO-INTESTINAL DRUGS		
Antacid tablet (Mag Trisilicate Co)		F/A
Anti-haemorrhoid Cream		D
Bisacodyl tablet 5mg		D
Bisacodyl suppo. 10mg		R/H
Metoclopramide tablet 10mg		H/C
Metoclopramide inj. 10mg	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	H/C
Omeprazole tab/cap 20mg - <i>Annex</i>		R/H
Sod Citrate Powder	<i>VCH/NPH for 0.3M dose before ceasaria</i>	VCH/NPH
Zinc Sulphate 20mg tabs	<i>For severe diarrhoea in <5yo.</i>	A/P
ADRENAL HORMONES		
Dexamethasone tablet 0.5mg/4mg		R/H
Dexamethasone inj.4mg/ 5mg in 1ml	<i>D only for Midwives</i>	D
Hydrocortisone inj. 100mg		R/H
Methylprednisolone inj 40mg		VCH/NPH
Prednisolone tablet 5mg		H/C
SEX HORMONES		
Clomiphene tablet 50mg		R/H
Norethisterone tablet 5mg		R/H
<i>see Contraceptives also</i>		
INSULIN & OTHER ANTI-DIABETIC AGENTS		
Glibenclamide tablet 5mg	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	D
Insulin human soluble inj. 100 IU/ml 10ml		R/H
Insulin human isophane inj. 100 IU/ml 10ml		R/H
Insulin human mixtard 30/70 100IU/ml 10ml		R/H

Metformin tablet 500mg	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	D
THYROID AND ANTAGONISTS		
Carbimazole tablet 5mg		M/H
Thyroxine tablet 100mcg		M/H
IMMUNOLOGICALS		
A. DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS		
Tuberculin (PPD) inj. 30,000 IU		R/H
B. VACCINES		
BCG vaccine (dried) inj. 20 doses		D
Diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus vaccine inj. 10 doses		D
Hepatitis B vaccine inj. 10 doses		D
HIB vaccine - combined Pentavalent Vaccine		D
Measles vaccine inj. 10 doses		D
Poliomyelitis vaccine (live atten) oral sol. 10 doses		D
Tetanus vaccine inj. 10 doses		D
Tetanus-diphtheria vaccine inj. 10 doses		D
Meningococcal vaccine for splenectomy in child		M/H
Pneumococcal vaccine for splenectomy in child		M/H
MUSCLE RELAXANTS & ANTAGONISTS		
Atracurium 2.5mg Inj	<i>Special for renal failure patients</i>	VCH
Vecuronium 10mg Inj	<i>Replacing Atracurium for general use</i>	M/H
Neostigmine inj. 2.5mg		M/H
Pancuronium, 2mg/ml 2ml		M/H
Suxamethonium chlor inj. 100mg in 2ml		M/H
OPHTHALMOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS		
available thru NDH/VCH Eye Program		
Acyclovir eye oint		M/H
Acetazolamide tablet 250mg		M/H
Amethocaine eye drops 0.5%, Minims		R/H
Atropine 1% eye drops		M/H
Chloramphenicol eye drops 0.5% 10ml		M/H
Chloramphenicol eye oint 1% 4g		R/H
Ciprofloxacin 0.3% eye drops 5ml		M/H
Cyclopentolate 0.5% Minims		R/H
Dexamethasone 0.5% Eye Drops		R/H
Fluorescein strips (FLUORETS) 1%		R/H
Gentamicin 0.3% eye drops 5ml		M/H
Pilocarpine eye drops 2% 10ml		R/H
Phenylephrine 10% eye drops, Minims		M/H
Tetracycline eye oint 1% 5g		F/A
Timolol eye sol. 0.5% 5ml/10ml		M/H
Tropicamide eye drops 0.5% Minims		M/H
OXYTOCICS & TOCOLYTICS		
Methylergometrine 0.2mg		D
Oxytocin inj. 10 IU in 1ml		D
Misoprostol Tablet 200mcg	<i>Restricted use</i>	D
Nifedipine SR tablet 20mg	<i>Half chewed and swallowed as tocolytic</i>	D
Salbutamol tab/spray	<i>Second line treatment after Nifedipine</i>	D
PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC		
Amitriptyline tablet 25mg		R/H
Chlorpromazine tablet 25mg		R/H
Chlorpromazine inj. 50mg/2ml		D
Diazepam tablet 5mg		R/H
Fluphenazine inj. 25mg/1ml		R/H
Haloperidol tab 5mg	<i>VCH/NPH Named patients only</i>	VCH/NPH
RESPIRATORY TRACT		

A. ANTI-ASTHMATIC DRUGS		
Aminophylline inj. 25mg/ml 10ml		D
Beclomethasone aerosol 50mcg/dose, 200 doses	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	H/C
Beclomethasone aerosol 100mcg/dose, 200 doses	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	H/C
Salbutamol tablet 4mg	<i>Encourage use of puffers - phase out</i>	D
Salbutamol Injection 0.5mg		H/C
Salbutamol aerosol 100mcg/dose, 200 doses		D
Salbutamol sol nebulizer 5mg/ml, 10ml	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	H/C
SOLUTIONS CORRECTING WATER, ELECTROLYTE & ACID-BASE DISTURBANCES		
A. ORAL		
Oral rehydration salts (powder for 1L)		F/A
Potassium Chloride tablets 600mg		H/C
B. PARENTERAL		
Calcium Gluconate inj. 10% 10ml	<i>Antidote to Mag Sulphate</i>	D
Dextrose inj. 5% 1L		H/C
Dextrose 4%+ sodium chloride inj. 0.18% 1L		D
Dextrose inj. 50% 50ml		D
Hartmann's solution inj. 1L		R/H
Mannitol inj. 20% 500ml		R/H
Polygeline 3.5% (Gelofusine)	<i>Replaces Haemaccel</i>	R/H
Normal saline inj. 0.9% 10mL	<i>Flush solution for IV lines</i>	R/H
Normal saline inj. 0.9% 1L		D
Potassium chlor. inj. 1g in 10ml	<i>Keep one strength only</i>	H/C
Sod. bicarbonate inj. 8.4% 10ml	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	D
C. MISCELLANEOUS		
Glycine 1.5% for irrigation 2L		M/H
Sodium Chloride Powder 1kg for irrigation solns		R/H
Water for inj. 10ml		D
VITAMINS & MINERALS		
Calcium tablet		R/H
Hydroxocobalamin inj. 1mg in 1ml		R/H
Multivitamin tablet	<i>MNP on trial thru UNICEF 0213</i>	D
Pyridoxine (vit. B6) tablet 50mg		R/H
Thiamine 100mg inj		R/H
Retinol (vit. A) cap 200,000 IU		H/C
Zinc sulphate 20mg tabs	<i>For severe diarrhoea in children</i>	A/P
CONTRACEPTIVES		All available UNFPA
Condom		A/P
Female Condom		D
Intrauterine device TCU-380A		H/C
Levonorgestrel + ethinylestradiol 0.15mg + 0.03mg tablet 1box/3 cycles (Microgynon™)	Marvelon alternative 0213	D
Levonorgestrel tablet 0.03mg 1box/3 cycles (Microlut™)		D
Levonorgestrol tablet 0.75mg x2	<i>Morning after pill Norlevo 1.5mg alt 0213</i>	D
Medroxyprogesterone depot inj. 150mg in 1ml (Depo Provera™)	Noristerat 2monthly alt 0213	D
MISCELLANEOUS		
Formaldehyde 37% 1L		CMS
Surgical lubricant		H/C
ANNEX TO THE NEDL		
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Staff working in peripheral health facilities can be authorized to use additional drugs provided that (1) special approval is given by provincial health supervisor,		
(2) personnel has previously received specific training in their use and (3) the pharmacy officer has been officially informed.		

