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## RE: REQUEST TO COMMENT ON THE NATIONAL STANDARD TREATMENT GUIDELINES AND ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST - HOSPITAL LEVEL ADULTS

To whom it may concern

The National Essential Medicines List Committee (NEMLC) has reviewed several chapters of the Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) and Essential Medicines List (EML) for Adult Hospital level of Care and has requested stakeholder comments.

SAMA has been participating actively in the EML commentary process since the end of 2016, and we intend to provide substantive feedback on the proposed changes, as well as recommending appropriate changes or additions which may have been omitted by the review process.

The NEMLC comment request letter as well as Guidelines for Motivation of a New Medicine on the National Essential Medicines List is attached to this e-mail. Chapters for comment are:

- Chapter 1:** Alimentary Tract Conditions
- Chapter 2:** Blood and blood forming organs (BBFO)
- Chapter 4:** Dermatology Conditions
- Chapter 7:** Nephrology conditions
- Chapter 18:** Eye Disorders
- Chapter 20:** Emergencies and injuries
- Chapter 22:** Medicines used for diagnosis
- Chapter 23:** Sedation

The details of the documentation for comment are available on the Department of Health Website at the following links:

- <http://www.health.gov.za/index.php/component/phocadownload/category/493-adults-alimentary-bbfo-dermatology-diagnostics> (Alimentary, BBFO, Dermatology and Diagnostics)
- <http://www.health.gov.za/index.php/component/phocadownload/category/494-adults-emergencies> (Adult emergencies)
- <http://www.health.gov.za/index.php/component/phocadownload/category/495-adults-nephrology-sedation> (Nephrology and Sedation)

SAMA has noted the absence of documentation on eye disorders and we have requested the Department of Health to supply this.

We encourage all societies with interests in the clinical areas reviewed to participate and share their comments and evidence-based inputs either directly with the Department of Health or



through SAMA. Should you wish to comment to SAMA kindly send your comments to [JoleneH@samedical.org](mailto:JoleneH@samedical.org) by 30 October 2018.

All comments are to be submitted to NDOH by 10 November 2018 via fax, e-mail or by post to:

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