

NATIONAL ESSENTIAL DRUG LIST	COMMENTS	Lowest level of Use
<i>Updated May 2006</i>		
Abbreviations		
M/H = Main Hospital	D = Dispensary	
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>addition in 2007 - OT use only</i>	M/H
Bupivacaine inj. 0.5% + adrenaline 1:200,000 10ml	<i>Delete 9/06 - mix as required</i>	R/H
Ephedrine inj. 30mg/ml, 1ml		R/H
Ketamine inj. 50 mg/ml in 10ml		R/H
Lignocaine inj. 1% 20ml		D
Lignocaine inj. 1% + adrenaline 1:200,000 20ml	<i>Delete 9/06 - mix as required</i>	H/C
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- <i>Annex for VCH only</i>		VCH
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		R/H
Morphine tablet SR 10mg		M/H
Morphine tablet SR 60mg		M/H
Naloxone inj. 0.4mg/ml, 2ml		H/C
ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS		
Allopurinol tablet 100mg		M/H
Colchicine tablet 500mcg	<i>deleted 5/06</i>	R/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
Promethazine Syrup 5mg/5ml		D
Promethazine inj. 50mg		D
ANTIDOTES		
Atropine inj. 1mg/ml Inj	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	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		R/H
Ivermectin tablet 3mg/6mg	<i>Restricted to Crusted Scabies only</i>	CMS
ANTIBACTERIALS		
Amoxicillin tab/cap 250mg		D
Amoxicillin + Clavulanic acid tablet 500+125mg	Restricted use	R/H
Ampicillin inj. 1g	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	D
Azithromycin tablet 500mg	Restricted use for STI	D for STI
Benzathine Penicillin inj. 1.2 Mega		R/H
Benzyl penicillin inj. 600mg	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	D
Benzylpenicillin inj 3g		R/H
Ceftriaxone inj. 1g	Restricted use	M/H
Chloramphenicol cap/tab 250mg		R/H
Chloramphenicol syrup 125mg/5ml, 100ml	Delete if tabs available	R/H
Chloramphenicol inj. 1g		D
Ciprofloxacin scored tablet 250mg	Restricted use	D for STI
Cloxacillin cap/tab 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
Gentamicin inj. 80mg	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	D
Penicillin V tablet 250mg		A/P
Procaine Penicillin 3Mega		D
ANTILEPROTIC		
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
Streptomycin inj. 1g		R/H
ANTIFUNGALS		
Clotrimazole Cream 20g		H/C
Clotrimazole 500mg Pessary		D
Gentian Violet Paint		A/P
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		A/P
Metronidazole tablet 200mg		D
Metronidazole inj. 500mg in 100ml		R/H
Primaquine tablet 7.5mg/15mg	<i>Under control of Malaria MOH</i>	H/C
Quinine tablet 300mg		D
Quinine inj. 600mg		D
Sulfadoxine + pyrimethamine 500mg/25mg (Fansidar™) tablet		A/P
Tinidazole tablet 500mg		D
ANTINEOPLASTICS		
Cyclophosphamide tablet 50mg		CMS
Cyclophosphamide inj. 500mg		CMS
Methotrexate tablet 2.5mg		CMS
Tamoxifen tablet 20mg		R/H
ANTI-PARKINSONISM		
Benzhexol tablet 2mg		M/H
Benzotropine 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 in 0.5ml		D
Warfarin tablet 1mg (Marevan)		R/H
Warfarin tablet 3mg (Marevan)		R/H
Warfarin tablet 5mg (Marevan)		R/H
CARDIOVASCULAR		
A. ANTI-ANGINA & ANTI-ARHYTHMIC		
Atenolol inj. 5mg	<i>VCH/NDH only</i>	M/H
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
Isosorbide dinitrate tablet 10mg	<i>deleted 5/06</i>	M/H
Verapamil inj. 5mg		M/H
B. ANTI-HYPERTENSIVE		
Atenolol tablet 50mg		H/C
Atenolol inj. 5mg		M/H
Enalapril tablet 10mg		R/H
Hydralazine tablet 50mg	<i>Deleted 9/06</i>	H/C
Hydralazine inj. 20mg	<i>For pregnancy induced hypertension</i>	H/C
Hydrochlorothiazide tablet 25mg		D
Magnesium sulphate inj. 50% 10ml		R/H
Methyldopa tablet 250mg	<i>only for pregnancy-induced hypertension</i>	R/H
Nifedipine SR tablet 20mg	<i>Half chewed as a tocolytic</i>	M/H
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
Spiroinolactone 25mg Tabs		R/H
DERMATOLOGICAL DRUGS		
Benzoic acid 6% + salicylic acid 3% oint 40g/500g		A/P
Benzyl benzoate lotion 25% 1L		A/P
Betamethasone 0.1% Cream 15g		R/H
Chlorhexidine Skin Cream		F/A
Clotrimazole cream 1% 15g		R/H
Gentian violet alcoholic sol. 1% 500ml		F/A
Hydrocortisone 1% Cream/Ointment 15g		H/C
Magnesium sulph paste/ Ichthammol 10%		D
Methyl salicylate sol 500ml	<i>delete when stock finished</i>	F/A
Paraffin gauze dressing sterile 10x10cm 100 units		R/H
Silver Nitrate Sticks		D
Silver sulphadiazine cream 1% 100g/ 500g		R/H
Zinc oxide oint 15% 500 - 800g		D
EAR, NOSE & THROAT		
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		H/C
Glucose in Blood - machine (Omnitest)		R/H
ANTISEPTICS & DISINFECTANTS		
Alcohol, swab with (Alcowipe™) 100 units		D
Alcohol 70%/80%/95%		D
Chlorhexidine 1% Cream 25g		D
Chlorine Tablets		M/H
Hydrogen peroxide sol 6% 100ml		R/H
Medol Concentrate		D
Povidone iodine sol 10%, 200ml/500ml		D
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>	Replacing Ranitidine 9/06	R/H
Ranitidine tablet 150mg	<i>To be replaced by Omeprazole 10/06</i>	R/H
ADRENAL HORMONES		
Dexamethasone tablet 0.5mg/4mg		R/H
Dexamethasone inj. 5mg in 1ml		R/H
Hydrocortisone inj. 100mg		R/H
Prednisolone tablet 5mg		H/C
SEX HORMONES		
Clomiphene tablet 50mg		CMS
Misoprostol Tablet 200mcg	Restricted use	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
Measles vaccine inj. 10 doses		D
Poliomyelitis vaccine (live atten) oral sol. 10 doses		
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	Special for renal failure patients	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 Eye Program

Acetazolamide tablet 250mg		M/H
Amethocaine eye drops 0.5%, Minims		R/H
Atropine 1% eye drops, Minims		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		
Ergometrine inj. 500mcg in 1ml		H/C
Oxytocin inj. 10 IU in 1ml		H/C
Misoprostol Tablet 200mcg	Restricted use	M/H
Nifedipine SR 10mg	<i>Half chewed and swallowed as tocolytic</i>	H/C
Salbutamol tab/spray	<i>Second line treatment after Nifedipine</i>	R/H
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		M/H
RESPIRATORY TRACT		
A. ANTI-ASTHMATIC DRUGS		
Aminophylline inj. 25mg/ml 10ml		H/C
Beclomethasone aerosol 50mcg/dose, 200 doses	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	H/C
Beclomethasone aerosol 250mcg/dose, 200 doses	<i>Delete when finished</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	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	D
Salbutamol sol nebulizer 5mg/ml, 10ml	<i>see below re use in clinics</i>	H/C
Theophylline SR tablet 200mg	<i>deleted 5/06</i>	D
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		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% 1L		D
Potassium chlor. inj. 1.5g 10ml		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		D

Pyridoxine (vit. B6) tablet 50mg		R/H
Thiamine 50/100mg tablets		R/H
Retinol (vit. A) cap 200,000 IU		H/C
Zinc sulphate 10mg tabs	Restricted to use in children for severe d	R/H
CONTRACEPTIVES		
Condom		A/P
Female Condom	<i>Gradual introduction with training</i>	D
Intrauterine device TCU-380A		H/C
Levonorgestrel + ethinylestradiol 0.15mg + 0.03mg tablet 1box/3 cycles (Microgynon™)		D
Levonorgestrel tablet 0.03mg 1box/3 cycles (Microlut™)		D
Medroxyprogesterone depot inj. 150mg in 1ml (Depo Provera™)		D
MISCELLANEOUS		
Formaldehyde 37% 1L		CMS
Surgical lubricant		H/C
Paraffin gauze dressing	<i>For burns use</i>	R/H
ANNEX TO THE NEDL		
<i>DISTRIBUTION OF THIS ANNEX IS RESTRICTED TO: Provincial Health Supervisors, al Programmes Officers, CMS and Provincial Pharmacy Personnel.</i>		
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.		
COMPLEMENTARY LIST FOR PERIPHERAL HEALTH FACILITIES		
Ampicillin 1g Inj		(D)
Atropine inj. 1mg		(D)
Azithromycin 500mg tablet	<i>For STI use single dose only - in STI Pa</i>	(D)
Beclomethasone aerosol 50mcg/dose, 200 doses		(H/C)
Benzylpenicillin 600mg inj		(D)
Ciprofloxacin 500mg tablet	<i>For STI use - single doses only in STI Pa</i>	(D)
Cloxacillin tablet/ capsule 250mg		(D)
Codeine Phosphate tablet 30mg		(D)
Erythromycin tabs 250mg		(D)
Gentamicin 80mg inj		(D)
Glyceryl trinitrate tablet subling. 600mcg		(H/C)
Griseofulvin tablet 500mg		(D)
Hyoscine 20mg Inj		(H/C)
Ibuprofen tablet 400mg		(D)
Lignocaine dental inj. 2% + adrenaline 1:80,000 2.2ml		(D)
Morphine 10mg Inj		(HC)
Metoclopramide 10mg inj		(H/C)
Oxygen inhalation		(D)
Salbutamol aerosol 100mcg/dose, 200 doses		(D)
Salbutamol sol nebulizer 5mg/ml, 10ml		(H/C)
Sod. bicarbonate inj. 8.4% 10ml		(D)
ANTIRETROVIRALS		
New additions to EDL if budget approved by MOH.		
Efferv 200mg EFZ		CMS
Indinavir 400mg IDV		CMS
Lamivudine 150mg 3TC		CMS
Nevirapine 200mg NVP		CMS
Stavudine 40mg d4T		CMS
Zidovudine 300mg ZDV		CMS