

The ADS Expanded Medicines List

The list has been drawn up taking into consideration the prescribing levels in line with the national Standard Treatment Guidelines. A consideration has also been made to ensure that the public get reasonable access to the most essential (key) drugs needed to treat the common diseases found in the community.

DRUG AND FORM	INTENDED AILMENTS
<i>Anti-Asthmatics & Cough Preparations</i>	
Aminophylline tablet 100mg	Wheezing and bronchitis
Salbutamol tablet 4mg	Wheezing and bronchitis
Non-narcotic cough preparations (e.g. cough linctus, s, expectorants and herbal)	Symptomatic relief of dry and chesty cough
<i>Anti-Bacterials/Antibiotics</i>	
Amoxicillin capsules/tablets 250mg & 500mg	Upper respiratory tract infections (URTIs), urinary tract infections (UTIs)
Amoxicillin oral suspension 125mg/5ml & 250mg/5ml	URTIs, UTIs, skin infections
Co-trimoxazole suspension 240mg/5ml	URTIs
Co-trimoxazole tablets 480mg and 960mg	URTIs
Doxycycline capsules/tablets 100mg	UTIs
Erythromycin oral suspension 125mg/5ml	URTIs, UTIs,
Erythromycin tablets 250mg	URTIs, UTIs
Metronidazole tablets 200mg	Amoebiasis, trichomoniasis
Metronidazole suspension 200mg/5ml & 125mg/5ml	Amoebiasis
Nitrofurantoin tablets 100mg	UTIs
Phenoxyethyl Penicillin suspension 125mg/5ml	URTIs
Phenoxyethyl Penicillin tablets 250mg	URTIs
Ciprofloxacin 250mg & 500mg tablet	Gonorrhoea and other UTIs
<i>Dermatological Products</i>	
Silver sulfadiazine cream 1% w/w	Wounds and burns
Iodine tincture 2%	Wounds
Calamine lotion 15%	Anti-inflammatory and Pruritus
Benzyl benzoate lotion 25%	Scabies
Malathion lotion aqueous 0.5%	Pediculosis
Hydrocortisone cream 1%	

<i>Anti-Helminthics</i>	
Mebendazole tablet 100mg	Intestinal worms
Mebendazole suspension 100mg/5ml	Intestinal worms
Albendazole tablets 200mg & 400mg	Intestinal worms
Albendazole suspension 100mg/5ml & 200mg/5ml	Intestinal worms
<i>Anti-Inflammatory/Analgesics</i>	
Diclofenac sod. tablets 50mg & 100mg	Musculo-skeletal pain and fever
Ibuprofen tablet 200mg & 400mg	Musculo-skeletal pain and fever
Ibuprofen syrup 100mg/5ml	Musculo-skeletal pain and fever
Acetylsalicylic acid tablet 300mg	Musculo-skeletal pain and fever
Paracetamol tablet 500mg	Musculo-skeletal pain and fever
Paracetamol suspenson 120mg/5ml	Musculo-skeletal pain and fever
<i>Anti-Allergic</i>	
Chlorpheniramine tablet 4mg	Pruritus and allergy
Chlorpheniramine syrup 2mg/5ml	Pruritus and allergy
Promethazine tablet 25mg	Pruritus and vomiting
Promethazine syrup 5mg/5ml	Pruritus and vomiting
Cetirizine tablet 10mg	Pruritus and allergy
Cetirizine syrup 5mg/5ml	Pruritus and allergy
<i>Anti-Fungal</i>	
Nystatin oral suspension 100,000 IU/5ml & 100,000 IU/ml	Oral candidiasis
Nystatin tablets 100,000 IU & 500,000 IU	Oral candidiasis
Nystatin lozenges 100,000 IU	Oral candidiasis
Nystatin pessaries 100,000 IU	Vaginal candidiasis
Clotrimazole pessaries 100mg	Vaginal candidiasis
Clotrimazole cream 1%	Skin infections (e.g., ringworm)
Sulphur ointment 10%	Skin infections (e.g., ringworm)
Benzoic acid + salicylic acid ointment 6% + 3%	Skin infections (e.g., ringworm)
<i>Anti-Malarial Medicines</i>	
Artemether /Lumefantrine Tablet 20/120 mg & 40/240mg	Uncomplicated malaria
Artesunate/Amodiaquine tablet 50/200 mg and other ACTs	Uncomplicated malaria
Quinine tablet 300mg	
Quinine suspension 100mg/5ml	

<i>Disinfectants & Antiseptics</i>	
Cetrimide + chlorhexidine solution 0.5% + 0.05%	Skin wounds antiseptic
Chlorhexidine gluconate solution 20%	Skin wounds
Hydrogen peroxide solution 6%	Skin wounds and mouth gargle
Calcium or sodium hypochlorite solution 5%	Disinfectant
<i>Oral Contraceptives</i>	
Ethinylestradiol + Norethisterone	Combined contraceptive
Ethinylestradiol + Levonorgestrel	Combined contraceptive
<i>Anti-Diarrhoea</i>	
Zinc Sulphate tablets	Diarrhoea in children
ORS	Diarrhoea in children
<i>Anti-Convulsant</i>	
Diazepam rectal tube 2mg/mL	Convulsions in children
<i>Antidotes</i>	
Charcoal activated tablet 250mg	Food poisoning
<i>Eye/Ear/Nasal Preparations</i>	
Chloramphenicol eye ointment 1%	Eye infections
Chloramphenicol eye/ear drops 0.5%	Eye infections
Tetracycline eye ointment 1%	Eye infections
Combined antibiotic plus steroid eye/ear/nasal drops	Eye infections
<i>Anti-Anaemia Medicines, Vitamins & Minerals</i>	
Ferrous salt tablet 60mg	Anaemia
Folic acid tablet 5mg	Anaemia
Ferrous/Folic acid 200mg/0.5mg & 100mg/0.5mg	Anaemia
Multivitamin tablets and suspensions	Appetite
Vitamin A capsules	
Vitamin C tablets 100mg	