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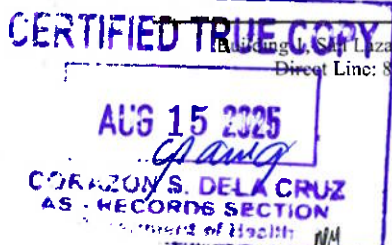
**TO :** ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, SERVICES, AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT; MINISTER OF HEALTH; BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS; ATTACHED AGENCIES; NATIONAL DRUG POLICY COMPLIANCE OFFICERS; AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** Inclusion of Drugs in the Philippine National Drug Formulary

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 6675, otherwise known as the *Generics Act of 1988*, which advocates the use of drugs by their generic names through a rational system of procurement and distribution, and in accordance with Republic Act No. 9502 and Executive Order No. 49, the Philippine National Drug Formulary (PNDF) or Essential Drugs List shall serve as the mandatory basis for the procurement of drug products by the Department of Health (DOH) and all government entities.

Relative to this, the Secretary of Health has **approved the inclusion** of the following drugs and medicines in the PNDF:

Product	Technical Specifications	Indication/s	Link to Evidence / Recommendations
Pancreatin	Capsule containing: Pancreatin - 150mg	Pancreatic Exocrine Insufficiency (PEI) in adults with pancreatic cancer	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/H TACPPPT">https://tinyurl.com/H TACPPPT</a>
Pretomanid	Tablet containing: Pretomanid - 200 mg	Part of the combination regimen with bedaquiline and linezolid with or without moxifloxacin,	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/H TACPPPT">https://tinyurl.com/H TACPPPT</a>



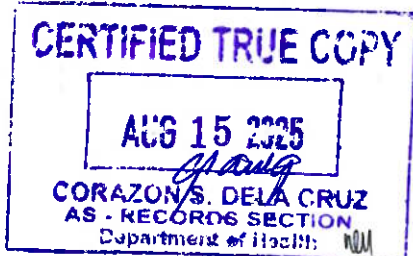
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		for the treatment of multidrug-resistant (MDR) or rifampicin-resistant tuberculosis (RR-TB) in patients aged 14 years and older	
<b>Pyronaridine tetrphosphate/artesunate</b>	Film-coated tablet containing: Pyronaridine tetrphosphate - 180 mg Artesunate - 60 mg	Second-line treatment of uncomplicated malaria infection caused by Plasmodium falciparum or Plasmodium vivax in adults and in children weighing 20 kg or more	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/H TACPPPT">https://tinyurl.com/H TACPPPT</a>
<b>Plasma-derived Coagulation Factor VIII</b>	Powder solution for infusion (IV) containing Plasma-derived Coagulation Factor VIII in the following concentrations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 250 IU/10 mL (25 IU/mL);</li> <li>• 250 IU/5mL (50 IU/mL);</li> <li>• 500 IU/10mL (50 IU/mL);</li> <li>• 500 IU/5ml (100 IU/mL);</li> <li>• 1000 IU/10mL (100 IU/mL).</li> </ul>	a) Prophylaxis or prevention of bleeding episodes in pediatric patients with hemophilia A b) Treatment of bleeding episodes or hemorrhages in pediatric patients with hemophilia A	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/H TACcoagf8">https://tinyurl.com/H TACcoagf8</a>
<b>Factor VIII Inhibitor Bypassing Activity</b>	Powder solution for infusion (IV) containing Factor VIII Inhibitor Bypassing Activity in the following concentrations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500 IU/10mL;</li> <li>• 1000 IU/20mL;</li> <li>• 2500 units/50mL.</li> </ul>	a) Treatment of bleeding events in hemophilia A patients with inhibitors b) Treatment of bleeding events in hemophilia B patients with	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/H TACcoagf8">https://tinyurl.com/H TACcoagf8</a>

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<b>Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines (PCV)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pneumococcal Polysaccharide And Non-Typeable Haemophilus Influenzae (Nthi) Protein D Conjugate Vaccine, Adsorbed [PCV10-GSK];</li> <li>• Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Conjugate Vaccine (Adsorbed) (10-valent) [PCV10-SII];</li> <li>• Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine, 13-Valent [PCV13];</li> <li>• Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Conjugate Vaccine, 15 Valent (Adsorbed) [PCV15].</li> </ul>	inhibitors  Immunization of infants less than 1 year old and children aged 13 to 23 months	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/H TACPCV">https://tinyurl.com/H TACPCV</a>
<b>Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) Vaccine</b>	Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) Vaccine	Booster immunization against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis for the following population: 1. Pregnant women, contingent on the availability of funds, and; 2. Grade 1 and Grade 7 students in a phased implementation (by region), contingent on: a. the availability of funds; and b. the achievement of $\geq 90\%$ primary series	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/H TACTdap">https://tinyurl.com/H TACTdap</a>

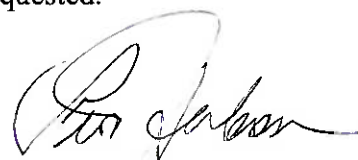


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		vaccination coverage for the region.	
<b>Japanese encephalitis vaccine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live, attenuated, recombinant Japanese Encephalitis vaccine</li> <li>• Inactivated Japanese Encephalitis vaccine</li> </ul>	Prevention of Japanese encephalitis among children 9 to 59 months old in high risk areas, contingent on the budget and resource availability	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/H TACJEvaccine">https://tinyurl.com/H TACJEvaccine</a>
<b>Silver Diamine Fluoride</b>	Silver Diamine Fluoride 38% Clear Topical Solution	Prevention and arrest of dentine caries in primary and permanent teeth among children 12 months to 10 years old	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/H TACSilver">https://tinyurl.com/H TACSilver</a>

The public is encouraged to refer to the electronic PNDF at <https://pnf.doh.gov.ph> for the most up-to-date information on listed medicines. For detailed recommendations, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/PNDF-MMSCapsule>.

All concerned are hereby enjoined to ensure the rational procurement, distribution, and use of these drugs in all health facilities.

The dissemination of this information to all concerned is requested.



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