



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

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**FOR: ALL DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND REGIONAL OFFICES, DOH-ARMM SECRETARY OF HEALTH; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS AND SANITARIA; AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: Implementation of the Approved Medicines in the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Philippine National Formulary**

Please be informed that, on 20 October 2016, the Secretary of Health approved the inclusion of the following medicines indicated for multidrug resistant tuberculosis (MDRTB) in the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Philippine National Formulary:


1. Capreomycin 1 gram powder for injection (IV, IM)
2. Cycloserine 250 mg capsule
3. Moxifloxacin 400 mg film coated tablet
4. Prothionamide 250 mg film coated tablet
5. Para-aminosalicylic acid 4 gram enteric coated delayed release granules in sachet

The list of approved medicines can be seen online at [www.ncpam.doh.gov.ph](http://www.ncpam.doh.gov.ph) and is also attached to this document for your reference and perusal. Kindly disseminate to all concerned officials in your areas of responsibility so they can be appropriately guided in their procurement activities. All are enjoined to ensure rational procurement, distribution and use of medicines in all government and private hospitals.

The remaining medicines, for which applications have been received for inclusion in the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, are currently being reviewed and evaluated.

Your full cooperation in this endeavor is expected and highly appreciated.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

  
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Secretary  
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Dear Secretary Ubial:

The Formulary Executive Council (FEC) respectfully recommends the inclusion of the following medicines in the Philippine National Formulary based on the criteria of proven safety, efficacy and cost-effectiveness:

Section	Therapeutic agent	Route/s of administration, dosage form/s, and strength/s	Remarks (if any)
Anti-infectives	Capreomycin	1 gram powder for injection (IV, IM)	<b>Recommended for inclusion.</b>  - For the treatment of multidrug resistant tuberculosis (MDRTB)
	Cycloserine	250 mg capsule	
	Moxifloxacin	400 mg film coated tablet	
	Prothionamide	250 mg film coated tablet	
	Para-aminosalicylic acid	4 gram enteric coated delayed release granules in sachet	

It is hoped that these amendments in the formulary can be implemented immediately to be used as a guide for rational procurement, distribution and use of medicines.

Thank you for your attention and favorable action on the matter.

Very truly yours,

For the Formulary Executive Council

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