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No. Public Health-1/Medicine-13/2006/187--The Honorable Advisor of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has approved the Expert Committee's recommended Updated Essential Drug List. It is required to well publish this recently prepared Updated Essential Drug List.

2. In this circumstances, the above-mentioned approved list is circulated herewith to well publish.

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LIST OF ESSENTIAL DRUGS

Sl.	Name of drugs	Dosage form
1	Abacavir (ABC)	Oral Liquid, Tablet
2	Acetazolamide	Tablet
3	Acetylsalicylic acid	Suppository, Tablet
4	Aciclovir	Powder for injection, Tablet
5	Albendazole	Tablet (chewable)
6	Allopurinol	Tablet
7	Aluminium hydroxide + Magnesium hydroxide	Oral liquid, Tablet
8	Amitriptyline	Tablet
9	Amlodipine Besylate	Tablet
10	Amoxicillin	Capsule or Tablet, Powder for oral liquid, Powder for injection
11	Ampicillin	Powder for Injection
12	Anti-D immunoglobulin (human)	Injection
13	Antitetanus immunoglobulin (human)	Injection
14	Artemether + Lumefantrine*	Tablet
15	Artesunate	Injection, Tablet
16	Ascorbic Acid	Tablet
17	Atenolol	Tablet
18	Atropine	Injection, Solution (eye drops)
19	Barium Sulfate	Aqueous suspension
20	BCG vaccine	Injection
21	Benzathine benzylpenicillin	Powder for injection
22	Benzoic acid + Salicylic acid	Ointment or cream
23	Benzyl benzoate	Lotion

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24	Benzyl penicillin	Powder for injection
25	Betamethasone	Ointment or cream
26	Bleomycin	Powder for injection
27	Bupivacaine	Injection
28	Calcium gluconate	Injection
29	Carbamazepine	Oral liquid, Tablet (chewable), Tablet (scored)
30	Charcoal, activated	Powder
31	Chlorambucil	Tablet
32	Chloramphenicol	Eye drops, Eye ointment
33	Chlorhexidine	Solution
34	Chloroquine	Oral liquid, Tablet
35	Chlorpheniramine	Injection, Tablet
36	Chlorpromazine	Injection, Oral liquid, Tablet
37	Ciprofloxacin	Tablet or powder for suspension
38	Cisplatin	Injection
39	Clofazimine	Capsule
40	Clotrimazole	Vaginal cream, Vaginal tablet
41	Cloxacillin	Capsule, Powder for injection, Powder for oral liquid,
42	Condoms	
43	Cyclophosphamide	Powder for injection, Tablet
44	Dapsone	Tablet
45	Dexamethasone	Injection
46	Dextran 70	Injectable solution
47	Diazepam	Injection, Tablet, Tablet (scored)
48	Didanosine (ddl)	Buffered powder for oral liquid, Capsule (unbuffered enteric coated), Tablet (buffered chewable, dispersible)
49	Diethylcarbamazine	Tablet
50	Digoxin	Injection, Oral liquid, Tablet
51	Diloxanide	Tablet
52	Diphtheria antitoxin	Injection
53	Diphtheria vaccine	Injection
54	Dopamine	Injection
55	Doxorubicin	Powder for injection
56	Doxycycline	Capsule or Tablet, Tablet (dispersible)
57	DPT vaccine	Oral + Injection
58	Efavirenz (EFV or EFZ)	Capsule, Oral liquid, Tablet
59	Enalapril	Tablet
60	Epinephrine (adrenaline)	Injection, Solution (eye drops)
61	Ergocalciferol	Capsule or Tablet, Oral liquid
62	Ergometrine	Injection
63	Erythromycin	Capsule or Tablet, Powder for injection, Powder for oral liquid
64	Ethambutol	Tablet
65	Ethinylestradiol + Levonorgestrel	Tablet

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66	Ferrous salt	Oral liquid, Tablet
67	Ferrous salt + Folic acid	Capsule, Tablet
68	Fluconazole	Capsule, Oral liquid
69	Fluorescein	Eye drops
70	Fluorouracil	Injection, Ointment
71	Fluphenazine	Injection
72	Folic acid	Tablet
73	Furosemide	Injection, Tablet
74	Gentamycin	Injection, Solution (eye drops)
75	Gentamycin + Hydrocortisone	Ear drop
76	Glibenclamide	Tablet
77	Gliclazide	Tablet
78	Glucose	Injectable solution
79	Glucose with sodium chloride	Injectable solution
80	Glyceryl trinitrate	Tablet (sublingual)
81	Griseofulvin	Capsule or Tablet
82	Haloperidol	Injection, Tablet
83	Halothane	Inhalation
84	Heparin sodium	Injection
85	Hepatitis B vaccine	Injection
86	Homatropine	Solution (eye drops)
87	Human normal immunoglobulin	Intramuscular administration, Intravenous administration
88	Hydrochlorothiazide	Tablet (scored)
89	Hydrocortisone	Powder for injection, Ointment or cream, Suppository
90	Hyoscine butylbromide	Tablet, Injection
91	Ibuprofen	Tablet
92	Indinavir (IDV)	Capsule
93	Insulin Injection (Soluble)	Injection
94	Isoniazide	Tablet, Tablet (scored)
95	Isoniazide + Ethambutol	Tablet
96	Isosorbide dinitrate	Tablet (sublingual)
97	Ketamine	Injection
98	Lamivudine (3TC)	Oral liquid, Tablet,
99	Levamisole	Tablet
100	Levodopa + Carbidopa	Tablet
101	Levothyroxine	Tablet
102	Lidocaine	Injection, Topical
103	Lithium Carbonate	Capsule or tablet
104	Lopinavir + Ritonavir (LPV/r)	Capsule, Oral liquid
105	Magnesium hydroxide	Oral liquid
106	Magnesium sulfate*	Injection
107	Mannitol	Injectable solution

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108	Measles vaccine	Injection
109	Mebendazole	Tablet (chewable)
110	Mefloquine	Tablet
111	Metformin	Tablet
112	Methotrexate	Powder for injection, Tablet
113	Methyldopa	Tablet : 250 mg
114	Methylrosanilinium chloride (gentian violet)	Aqueous solution, Tincture
115	Metoclopramide	Injection, Tablet
116	Metronidazole	Injection, Oral liquid, Suppository, Tablet
117	Miconazole	Ointment/Cream
118	Miltefosine	Capsule/Oral liquid
119	Misoprostol	Tablet
120	Morphine	Injection, Oral liquid, Tablet, Tablet (prolonged release)
121	Naloxone	Injection
122	Nelfinavir (NFV)	Oral powder, Tablet
123	Neomycin Sulfate + Bacitracin	Ointment
124	Neostigmine	Injection, Tablet
125	Nevirapine (NVP)	Oral liquid, Tablet
126	Nicotinamide	Tablet
127	Nifedipine	Immediate release capsule
128	Nitrofurantoin	Tablet
129	Nitrous oxide	Inhalation
130	Nystatin	Oral Suspension
131	Omeprazole	Capsule
132	Oral rehydration salts	Powder
133	Oseltamivir	Tablet
134	Oxygen	Inhalation
135	Oxytocin	Injection
136	Paracetamol	Oral liquid, Suppository, Tablet
137	Paromomycin	Solution for intramuscular injection
138	Peritoneal Dialysis Solution	Intraperitoneal dialysis solution (of appropriate composition)
139	Permethrin	Cream, Lotion
140	Pertussis vaccine	Injection
141	Pethidine hydrochloride	Injection
142	Phenobarbital	Injection, Oral liquid, Tablet
143	Phenoxymethylpenicillin	Powder for oral liquid, Tablet,
144	Phenytoin	Capsule, Injection, Oral liquid, Tablet, Tablet (chewable)
145	Pilocarpine	Solution (eye drops)
146	Poliomyelitis vaccine	Oral
147	Polyvalent anti snake venom	Injection

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148	Potassium chloride	Tablet, Solution
149	Povidone Iodine	Solution
150	Prednisolone	Tablet, Solution (eye drops)
151	Primaquine	Tablet
152	Procainamide	Injection
153	Procaine benzylpenicillin	Powder for injection
154	Procarbazine	Capsule
155	Proguanil	Tablet
156	Promethazine	Oral liquid, Injection, Oral liquid, Tablet
157	Propranolol	Tablet
158	Protamine sulfate	Injection
159	Pyrazinamide	Tablet, Tablet (dispersible), Tablet (scored)
160	Pyridoxine	Tablet
161	Pyrimethamine	Tablet
162	Quinine	Injection, Tablet
163	Rabies immunoglobulin	Injection
164	Rabies vaccine	Injection
165	Retinol	Capsule, Tablet, Oral oily solution, Water-miscible injection
166	Riboflavin	Tablet
167	Rifampicin	Capsule or Tablet
168	Rifampicin + Isoniazid	Tablet
169	Rifampicin + Isoniazid + Ethambutol	Tablet
170	Rifampicin + Isoniazid + Pyrazinamide	Tablet
171	Rifampicin + Isoniazid + Pyrazinamide + Ethambutol	Tablet
172	Ritonavir	Oral liquid, Oral solid dosage form
173	Salbutamol	Injection, Oral liquid, Respirator solution for use in nebulizers, Tablet
174	Salicylic acid	Solution
175	Saquinavir (SQV)	Capsule
176	Senna	Tablet
177	Silver sulfadiazine	Cream
178	Sodium chloride	Injectable solution
179	Sodium Chloride 3%	I/V fluid
180	Sodium Chloride quartet strength (0.225%) + Dextrose 5%	I/V fluid
181	Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate	Injectable solution, Soution
182	Sodium stibogluconate	Injection
183	Sodium thiosulfate	Solution
184	Spirolactone	Tablet
185	Stavudine (d4t)	Capsule, Powder for oral liquid

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186	Streptomycin	Powder for injection
187	Sulfadoxine + Pyrimethamine	Tablet
188	Sulfamethoxazole + Trimethoprim	Oral liquid, Tablet, Injection
189	Suxamethonium	Injection, Powder for injection
190	Tamoxifen	Tablet
191	Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF)	Tablet
192	Tetanus vaccine	Injection
193	Tetracycline	Eye ointment
194	Thiamine	Tablet
195	Thiopental	Powder for injection
196	Trimethoprim	Tablet
197	Tropicamide	Eye drops
198	Tuberculin, purified protein derivative (PPD)	Injection
199	Valproic acid	Oral liquid, Tablet (crushable), Tablet (enteric coated)
200	Vecuronium	Injection
201	Verapamil	Injection, Tablet
202	Vinblastine	Powder for injection
203	Vincristine	Powder for injection
204	Vitamin B-Complex (Vitamin B1- 5 mg + Vitamin B2- 2 mg + Vitamin B6 - 2 mg + Nicotinamide 20 mg)	Tablet
205	Warfarin	Tablet
206	Water for Injection	Ampoule
207	Xylometazoline Hydrochloride	Nasal drops
208	Zidovudine (ZDV or AZT)	Capsule, Oral liquid, Solution for IV infusion injection, Tablet
209	Zinc sulphate	Oral liquid, Tablet