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Attention all Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

Re: Updated Government Formulary List (June 2010) and launch of website DPPM

The **Directorate for Pharmaceutical Policy and Monitoring (DPPM)** within the Strategy and Sustainability Division ensures quality in drug utilisation through the ongoing management of the Government Formulary List. The main objective is to optimize patient care through the rational use of drugs within the healthcare setting.

The Government Formulary List (GFL) is reviewed and updated periodically through removal and addition of medicines, removal/changes in medicines' protocols and amendments in entitlement and prescriber criteria. The DPPM has now issued the updated Government Formulary List (June 2010). Two separate formularies are available:

1. The Hospital Formulary List

This is a list of all the formulary medicines procured by the Government and is intended for Inpatient use.

2. The Out Patients Formulary List

This list is intended for use by Government Out-Patient Pharmacies and Private Pharmacies operating the Pharmacy Of Your Choice (POYC) scheme.

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Please note that the DPPM website has migrated to the www.ehealth.gov.mt [<https://ehealth.gov.mt/HealthPortal/default.aspx>]. The URL for the DPPM website is: https://ehealth.gov.mt/HealthPortal/strategy_policy/pharm_pol_mon/about_us.aspx.

The link for the Government formulary list and for the list for the recent changes is: https://ehealth.gov.mt/HealthPortal/strategy_policy/pharm_pol_mon/med_within_ghs/gov_for_m_list.aspx. There are 267 protocols listed on the following website link, https://ehealth.gov.mt/HealthPortal/strategy_policy/pharm_pol_mon/med_within_ghs/protocols.aspx.

Your feedback regarding the Government Formulary List is valuable as we intend to keep the List as a dynamic as possible. Your suggestions are therefore important to this process and can be sent through the DPPM generic email: dppm.mhec@gov.mt.

For your attention please.

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