

National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) 2015

Section	Therapeutic category	Total in NLEM 2011	Deleted	Added	Total in NLEM 2015
16	Dialysis solution	1	0	1	2
17	Disinfectants and antiseptics	12	3	0	9
18	Diuretics	4	0	0	4
19	Ear, nose, throat medicines	NA	NA	4	4
20	Gastrointestinal medicines	16	3	3	16
21	Hormones, other endocrine medicines and contraceptives	24	4	3	23
22	Immunologicals	13	0	4	17
23	Muscle relaxants and cholinesterase Inhibitors	5	1	1	5
24	Medicines used in neonatal care	NA	NA	3	3
25	Ophthalmological medicines*	17	5	6	17
26	Oxytocics and antioxytocics	7	1	1	7
27	Psychotherapeutics	11	5	7	13
28	Medicines acting on the respiratory tract	6	3	3	6
29	Solutions correcting water, electrolyte and acid-base disturbances*	10	0	0	8
30	Vitamins and Minerals	10	2	1	9

* Total number of medicines may differ due to duplication of medicines within and across therapeutic categories/ difference in terms used in NLEM 2011 and NLEM 2015