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Local Purchase Approval for a Period of up to Three Months

It has been observed through the reports submitted by the institutional Drug and Therapeutics Committees (DTCs) and discussions held at the National Drug and Therapeutics Committee (NDTC) for the year 2026 that difficulties have arisen in obtaining certain medical supplies through institutional local purchasing due to the inadequate quantities requested and approved.


Therefore, after considering the prevailing circumstances and the necessity of ensuring the uninterrupted availability of essential medical supplies, the National Drug and Therapeutics Committee (NDTC) for the year 2026 has decided following ;

- Local purchasing of medical supplies is approved for a period of up to three months, subject to confirmation of pending order status.
- Local purchasing shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the relevant procurement guidelines, regulations, and administrative requirements.
- At the stage of raising the Purchase Order (PO), institutions shall obtain confirmation from the Medical Supplies Division (MSD) regarding the stock status before issuing the PO.
- Necessary measures shall be taken to ensure the uninterrupted availability of essential medical supplies while avoiding over-procurement and unnecessary stock accumulation.

Further, please refer to the letter previously disseminated regarding the “Providing the relevant details of institutional local purchases” under reference number MSD/QA-04/NDTC/2025-01.

Accordingly, all Heads of Institutions are hereby instructed to ensure the proper implementation of this decision within their respective institutions.

Your special attention and cooperation in this regard are highly appreciated.


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