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 All Regional Directors of Health Services,
 All Hospital Directors/ Medical Superintendents,
 All Heads of Specialized Campaigns,
 All Heads of PMCU, MOH, and Other Government Health institutions,
 President/Secretary of all professional Colleges/Associations and Societies.

Formulary Revision of Pharmaceuticals for Government Health Care Institutions – 2026/2027

The Medical Supplies Division (MSD) of the Ministry of Health and Mass Media is in the process of revising the Formulary List of Pharmaceuticals supplied to Government healthcare institutions. This comprehensive revision of all pharmaceuticals supplied by the MSD is scheduled to be conducted during 2026/2027, in accordance with Cabinet Paper No. 12/1602/509/005-II dated 05.12.2012.

As a part of the preparatory activities of the formulary revision process, **the suggestions and comments for the Formulary list of Pharmaceuticals** are requested from medical professionals working in Government healthcare institutions and all professional Colleges/Associations and Societies. All submissions of suggestions shall be made using the prescribed Format No. FR/PHARMA/FORMAT-II.

Duly Completed endorsed forms should be forwarded to the Director, MSD on or before **06 November 2026** by one of the following methods:

- By Post: Director, Medical Supplies Division, No. 357, Baddegama Wimalawansa Mawatha, Colombo 10
- By Email: fr.pharma@msd.gov.lk (Preferably scanned copies)

The prescribed Format No. FR/PHARMA/FORMAT-II can be downloaded from the Medical Supplies Division website.

Important Notes

1. Refer the attached instructions and information prior to fill the Format.
2. Heads of all healthcare institutions and Presidents/Secretaries of professional Colleges, Associations, and Societies are requested to circulate this letter among all relevant parties.
3. All PDHS and RDHS are requested to circulate this letter to all healthcare institutions under their administrative jurisdiction.

Instructions for Completing Format No. FR/PHARMA/FORMAT-II

1. The format consists of three sections (A, B, and C) and shall be completed by the relevant officials.
2. All Institutional proposals shall be submitted with the recommendation of the relevant institutional Drug and Therapeutics Committee (DTC) and by the Head of the Institution.
3. All Colleges/Associations and Societies proposals shall be submitted with the recommendation of the relevant President/Secretary of professional Colleges/Associations and Societies.
4. In Section B, all fields are mandatory. Particular attention shall be given to the Consultant's Name and Signature.
5. Incomplete submissions (with no authority approvals, not furnished the mandatory information, not included DTC report, etc...) and the late submissions will not be referred to the FRC without any further communication.
6. **Institute Level Demarcation**

Institutional Level	Included Institutions
Level 1	All Primary Medical Care Units (PMCU's)
Level 2	All Divisional Hospitals
Level 3	All Base Hospitals Type B
Level 4	All Base Hospitals Type A, District General Hospital, Provincial General Hospital, Teaching Hospital, Specialized Hospitals and National Hospitals
Level 5	All Specialized Campaigns ➤ Anti-Malarial Campaign (AMC) ➤ National STD/AIDS Control Programme (NSACP) ➤ Anti-Leprosy Campaign (ALC) ➤ Anti Filariasis Campaign (AFC) ➤ National Programme for Tuberculosis Control & Chest Diseases (NPTCCD) ➤ The National Institute of Infectious Diseases (NIID) ➤ Family Health Bureau (FHB) ➤ National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS) ➤ Medical Research Institute Sri Lanka (MRI) ➤ Epidemiology Unit ➤ National Poison Information Centre ➤ National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) ➤ Nuclear Medicine Units at Universities

7. Definitions and Terminology

VEN Analysis	
Vital (V)	Medicines that are potentially lifesaving and crucial for providing basic health services are intended to be available at all times.
Essential (E)	Medical supplies and products that satisfy the priority health care needs of the population and are intended to be available at the relevant health care institutions at all times in an adequate amount and are given priority in procurement.
Needed (N)	Medical supplies and products that satisfy the special needs of the population and are intended to be available in the selected healthcare institutions in an adequate amount.

Item Type	
Regular (R)	Items that are used in general use and regularly supplied by MSD.
Complementary (C)	Medicines used in the treatment of illnesses that needed specialized supervision with care and surgical or diagnostic items used in special procedures that require special training for use.

Named Patient Basis Item (NPB)	The items used for a particular patient for a specific indication prescribed by the specialist. The Item type of all Named Patient Basis items should be "Complementary".
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Types of Supply Methods

- Supply on Individual Request – Named Patient Basis:**
MSD shall process the supply upon receipt of an individual request and issue the item on a NPB. (Proceed on individual request and issue on NPB by MSD)
- Stock Maintained at MSD – Named Patient Basis:**
MSD shall maintain a stock of the item and issue it on a NPB upon receipt of an approved request. (Keep a stock at MSD and issue on NPB)
- Institutional Stock – Named Patient Basis:**
A stock of the item shall be supplied to the relevant healthcare institution, and the item shall be issued at the institutional level on a NPB. (Supply a stock for institution and at the institution item should be issued on NPB)
- Local Purchase by Institution – Named Patient Basis:**
The relevant healthcare institution shall be permitted to procure the item through local purchase, and the item shall be issued at the institutional level on a NPB. (Permit institutions to local purchase and at the institution the item should be issued on NPB)

Item Specification	A set of detailed descriptions which is technically standard and requirement/necessary features are clearly stated to be satisfied by a product. Item Specification Template: Generic Name (INN), Dosage form, Pharmacopoeia standard, Strength, Route of Administration/Package Type Composition (Each unit contains/ Excipients if applicable) Note: Storage conditions (specified temperature/conditions) Labelling (Any required cautionary statements with special requirements)
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Sub FRC No.	Name of Formulary Revision Sub-committees
001	Medicines used in the Infections
002	Medicines used in the treatment of Cardiovascular system
003	Medicines used in the treatment of Central Nervous System
004	Medicines affecting Nutrition and blood
005	Medicines used in the treatment of the Respiratory system
006	Immunological products and Vaccines
007	Medicines used in the treatment of Endocrine system
008	Medicines used in the treatment of Gastrointestinal system
009	Medicines acting on the Eye
010	Medicines used in the treatment of diseases of the Ear, Nose and Oropharynx
011	Medicines acting on the Skin
012	Medicines used in the treatment of Malignant Diseases and for immunosuppression
013	Medicines used in Urinary tract disorders
014	Medicines used in the treatment of musculoskeletal and Joint Diseases
015	Medicines used in Anaesthesia
016	Antidotes
017	Antiseptics and Disinfectants
018	Radioactive pharmaceuticals
019	Medicines used in Obstetrics and Gynaecology
020	Medicines used in Palliative care

Your cooperation and valuable contributions towards the preparing of comprehensive formulary list of pharmaceuticals for government health care institutions are highly appreciated.

For further information, please contact the Quality Assurance Unit, Medical Supplies Division on 0112694713 (Extension 314).

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- III. Director, Medical Supplies Division

New Suggestions for the Formulary Revision of Pharmaceuticals for Government Healthcare Institutions

Submission Form

Institution Name	
District	
Name of the officer	
Designation	
Contact Details (Tel. No/ Email)	

SECTION A – New Suggestions for the Current Formulary List

1. Request for Item Level Revision (Level 1 – 5)

No.	SR No.	Item Name	Current Level	Proposed Level	Justification	Requested by (Name and Designation)

2. Request for VEN Classification Revision (V, E, N)

No.	SR No.	Item Name	Current VEN	Proposed VEN	Justification	Requested by (Name and Designation)

3. Request for Item Type Revision (R/C)

No.	SR No.	Item Name	Current Item Type	Proposed Item Type	Justification	Requested by (Name and Designation)

4. Request for Specification Revision

No.	SR No.	Item Name	Proposed Specification Change	Requested by (Name and Designation)

5. Request for Item Deletion

No.	SR No.	Item Name	Reason for Deletion	Suggested Alternative (if applicable)	Requested by (Name and Designation)

6. Request for Changing of Supply Method

No.	SR No.	Item Name	Observation	Annual Consumption	Recommendation by (Name and Designation)

SECTION B – Request for New Pharmaceutical Item Inclusion

(*Complete the information below using the preferred method.)

1.	Generic Name (INN)
2.	Strength
3.	Dosage Form
4.	Route
5.	Pharmacopoeial Standard(s)
6.	Therapeutic Category
7.	Proposed Indication(s)
8.	Licensed Indication(s)
9.	Recommended Dose/ Frequency/ Duration
10.	Estimated Patients per Year
11.	Estimated Annual Quantity
12.	Approx. Unit Cost
13.	Estimated Annual Cost
14.	Any formulary medicine to be Replaced
15.	Justification for the new requisition
16.	Requested Consultant (Name, Signature and Specialty)

17.	Literature review on efficacy, safety, and expected clinical outcomes.
18.	Availability of alternative medicines with comparable efficacy, safety, and outcomes.
19.	Reference to inclusion in other recognized guidelines (E.g. NICE, WHO Essential Medicines List).
20.	Treatment duration, including treatment cycles or years required.
21.	Unit cost and estimated total annual consumption of the pharmaceutical item.
22.	Estimated annual cost per patient for the proposed treatment.
23.	Approximate patient load in the country based on the specific indication.
24.	Development of draft clinical guidelines and monitoring mechanisms for rational use, where applicable.

SECTION C – DTC Endorsement or Professional Colleges/Associations and Societies

Recommendation.

The above suggestions are discussed at the Drug Therapeutic Committee or Monthly gathered meeting and approval is given to forward these suggestions to upcoming Formulary Revision of Pharmaceuticals (2026/2027).

Date of discussed at DTC :	
..... Superintend/ Chief Pharmacist	 Head of the Institution

Date of discussed at the Professional Colleges/Associations and Societies :	
..... Secretary of the Professional Colleges/Associations and Societies	 President of the Professional Colleges/Associations and Societies