

MEMORANDUM

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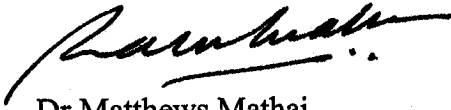
Originator: **Subject:** Inclusion of Cefazolin in WHO model list of
essential medicines

Cefazolin is recommended for prophylactic use in obstetric surgery in the WHO guidelines "Managing Complications in Pregnancy and Childbirth". This recommendation is based on the following considerations:

- There is evidence that prophylactic antibiotics are cost-effective during obstetric surgical procedures.
- Cefazolin is effective against potential pathogens causing wound infections following incisions in obstetric practice.
- Cefazolin has a good safety record.

Inclusion of Cefazolin in the WHO model list of essential medicines will assist in implementation of WHO guidelines for emergency obstetric care.

Thank you.



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