
Subject: FW: Some comments on the EML for children

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To: Hill, Suzanne
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Dear Sue,

After circulating the draft EML for children in house I have received the following comments which I would like to share with you. I don't know if they are suitable for the web - but I thought they could be useful to consider for a future up-dating of the list.

The following items are very difficult to source:
Aspirin supp.
Paracetamol supp.
Nystatin lozenges
Niclosamide tablets

We also have the additional comments:

Albendazole - there is no oral liquid suggested (this item is recently often requested by countries)

Erythromycine - there is a typo: missing "/5ml" after dosage 125mg/5ml

Is it important to keep both aluminium hydroxide and magnesium hydroxide - symbol to indicate similar clinical performance is not included.

Following items are also often requested and not mentioned on the list:

Calcium supplementation
Vitamin AD
Multivitamin syrup

We know that multivitamin supplements are not essential medicines, but we do not have standard specs for these items i.e. strengths for each component, and this remains an issue, as we have many request for these products from countries - so perhaps WHO can find some internal arrangement for providing better guidance in the area ?

Why is silver sulfadiazine cream suggested as 500g jar? We considered this product to be sterile and are supplying this product in tubes.

We are wondering if phenytoin should be replaced by oxcarbazepin for children above 3 years?

Looking forward to see you in October.

best regards,
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