

IHS National Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee
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****Note: Medications in GREY indicate removed items.****

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Acetaminophen	Analgesic, Miscellaneous	Short-Acting Opioids (2014)			Yes
Adalimumab-bwwd (Hadlima™)	Antirheumatic, Disease Modifying; Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blocking Agent	NPTC Update (Jan 2024)		Etanercept	Yes
Albuterol nebulized solution	Beta2 Agonist	Asthma & COPD Guidelines Review (2019)			Yes
Albuterol, metered dose inhaler (MDI)	Beta2 Agonist	Asthma & COPD Guidelines Review (2019)	*Any product*		Yes
Alendronate	Bisphosphonate Derivative	Osteoporosis (2016)			Yes
Allopurinol	Antigout Agent; Xanthine Oxidase Inhibitor	Gout (2016)			Yes
Alogliptin	Antidiabetic Agent, Dipeptidyl Peptidase 4 (DPP-4) Inhibitor	DPP-IV Inhibitors (2019)			Yes
Amitriptyline	Antidepressant, Tricyclic	Bipolar Disorder (2022)		Nortriptyline	Yes
Amlodipine	Antihypertensive; Calcium Channel Blocker, Dihydropyridine	Hypertension (2022)		Diltiazem	Yes
Amoxicillin	Antibiotic, Penicillin	Outpatient Abx Stewardship & URIs (2021)	Pediatric and Adult oral formulations	Amoxicillin and Clavulanate; Penicillin G benzathine; Penicillin V potassium	Yes
Amoxicillin and Clavulanate	Antibiotic, Penicillin	Outpatient Abx Stewardship & URIs (2021)	Pediatric and Adult oral formulations	Amoxicillin; Penicillin G benzathine; Penicillin V potassium	Yes
Anastrozole	Antineoplastic Agent, Aromatase Inhibitor	NPTC Update Spring 2021			Yes
Angiotensin receptor blocker	===REMOVED from NCF=== (see Losartan)	Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonists (2014)	Removed April 2012	Losartan	No
Apixaban	Anticoagulant; Direct Oral Anticoagulant (DOAC); Factor Xa Inhibitor	Direct Oral Anticoagulants (2017)		Warfarin	Yes

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Aripiprazole lauroxil	Antipsychotic, Atypical (Second Generation) - Injectable	Long-Acting Injectable Antipsychotics (2020)	Injectable	Haloperidol decanoate	Yes
Artificial Tear substitute, ophthalmic (preservative free)	Ophthalmic Agent, Miscellaneous	Ocular Treatments (2022)	*Any Preservative-Free product*	Ciprofloxacin, Ophthalmic Solution; Corticosteroid (Ophthalmic) - Low Potency; Polymyxin B/trimethoprim, Ophthalmic Solution	Yes
Aspirin	Antiplatelet Agent; Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug; Salicylate	Pregnancy & Prenatal Care (2021)			Yes
Atenolol	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker, Beta1 Selective	Hypertension (2022)		Propranolol	Yes
Atomoxetine	Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor, Selective	ADHD (Jan 2020)		Dextroamphetamine / Amphetamine (immediate release); Dextroamphetamine / Amphetamine (long-acting); Methylphenidate (immediate release); Methylphenidate (long-acting)	Yes
Atorvastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor	Hyperlipidemia (2022)		Pravastatin; Rosuvastatin; Simvastatin	Yes
Atypical antipsychotic	Antipsychotic, Atypical	Bipolar Disorders (2022)	*Any product*	Aripiprazole lauroxil; Haloperidol decanoate	Yes
Azathioprine -OR- Mercaptopurine	Immunosuppressant Agent	Inflammatory Bowel Disease (2023)		Methotrexate; Sulfasalazine	Yes
Azithromycin	Antibiotic, Macrolide	STIs - PART 1 (2021)			Yes
Benzoyl Peroxide	Topical Skin Product, Acne	Acne Treatment (2020)		Benzoyl Peroxide AND Clindamycin, topical combination	Yes
Benzoyl Peroxide AND Clindamycin, topical combination	Topical Skin Product, Acne; Topical Skin Product, Acne (Lincosamide Antibiotic)	Acne Treatment (2020)		Benzoyl Peroxide	Yes
Beta-3 agonist, Any	Beta3 Agonist	Urinary Incontinence (2023)	Either mirabegron -or- vibegron	Oxybutynin, extended-release; Oxybutynin, immediate-release	Yes
Bictegravir/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir alafenamide	Antiretroviral, Integrase Inhibitor (Anti-HIV)	HIV Treatment (2019)		Dolutegravir/abacavir/lamivudine; Emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; Raltegravir	Yes
Bismuth subsalicylate	Antidiarrheal	Helicobacter pylori Treatment (2023)		Loperamide	Yes

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Bumetanide -OR- Torsemide	Antihypertensive	Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF) (2022)		Furosemide; Torsemide -OR- Bumetanide	Yes
Buprenorphine, long-acting (**REMS drug**)	Analgesic, Opioid; Analgesic, Opioid Partial Agonist	MAT for OUD (2021)	Any formulation; Restricted to treatment of Opioid Use Disorder; **See REMS here**	Buprenorphine, short-acting (**REMS drug**); Buprenorphine-Naloxone (**REMS drug**)	Yes
Buprenorphine, short-acting (**REMS drug**)	Analgesic, Opioid; Analgesic, Opioid Partial Agonist	MAT for OUD (2021)	Any formulation; Restricted to treatment of Opioid Use Disorder; **See REMS here**	Buprenorphine, long-acting (**REMS drug**); Buprenorphine-Naloxone (**REMS drug**)	Yes
Buprenorphine-Naloxone (**REMS drug**)	Analgesic, Opioid; Analgesic, Opioid Partial Agonist	MAT for OUD (2021)	**See REMS here**	Naloxone	Yes
Bupropion	Antidepressant, Dopamine/Norepinephrine-Reuptake Inhibitor; Smoking Cessation Aid	Stimulant Use Disorder (2022)		Varenicline; Venlafaxine	Yes
Calcium	Electrolyte Supplement	Osteoporosis (2016)	*Any formulation*		Yes
Carbamazepine	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Bipolar Disorder (2022)		Divalproex; Lamotrigine; Levetiracetam; Phenytoin; Topiramate	Yes
Carbidopa-Levodopa, immediate-release	Anti-Parkinson Agent; Decarboxylase Inhibitor-Dopamine Precursor	Parkinson's Disease (2019)			Yes
Carvedilol, immediate-release	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker with Alpha-Blocking Activity	Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction (HFrEF) (2022)		Atenolol; Propranolol	Yes
Cefdinir	Antibiotic, Cephalosporin (Third Generation)	Outpatient Abx Stewardship & URIs (2021)	Pediatric and Adult oral formulations	Cefixime; Ceftriaxone Injection; Cephalexin	Yes
Cefixime	Antibiotic, Cephalosporin (Third Generation)	STIs - PART 1 (2021)	For outpatient treatment of gonorrhea for Expedited Partner Therapy or when injection therapy is not possible	Cefdinir; Ceftriaxone Injection; Cephalexin	Yes
Ceftriaxone, injection	Antibiotic, Cephalosporin (Third Generation)	STIs - PART 1 (2021)		Cefdinir; Cefixime; Cephalexin	Yes
Cephalexin	Antibiotic, Cephalosporin (First Generation)	Outpatient Abx Stewardship & URIs (2021)	Pediatric and Adult oral formulations	Cefdinir; Cefixime; Ceftriaxone Injection	Yes
Chlorthalidone	Antihypertensive; Thiazide-Related Diuretic	Hypertension (2022)		Hydrochlorothiazide	Yes

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Ciprofloxacin, ophthalmic solution	Antibiotic, Ophthalmic Fluoroquinolone	Ocular Treatments (2022)		Artificial Tear substitute, ophthalmic (preservative free); Corticosteroid (Ophthalmic) - Low Potency; Polymyxin B/Trimethoprim, ophthalmic solution	Yes
Ciprofloxacin, oral	Antibiotic, Fluoroquinolone	Male Genitourinary Infections (Nov 2022)			Yes
Citalopram	Antidepressant, Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor	Bipolar Disorder (2022)		Escitalopram; Fluoxetine; Paroxetine; Sertraline	Yes
Clindamycin	Antibiotic, Lincosamide	Outpatient Abx Stewardship & URIs (2021)	Pediatric and Adult oral formulations		Yes
Clindamycin, topical	===REMOVED from NCF=== (See Benzoyl Peroxide AND Clindamycin, topical combination)		Removed January 2020		No
Clonazepam	Benzodiazepine	Antiseizure Drugs (2021)		Lorazepam	Yes
Clopidogrel	Antiplatelet Agent	Antiplatelets (2015)		Aspirin	Yes
Clotrimazole, topical	Antifungal Agent, Imidazole Derivative	Male Genitourinary Infections (Nov 2022)			Yes
Conjugated estrogen vaginal cream, (Premenin)	===REMOVED from NCF=== (see Estrogen vaginal cream)	NPTC Meeting Update (May 2018)	Removed May 2018	Estrogen vaginal cream	No
Corticosteroid (Ophthalmic) - Low Potency	Corticosteroid, Ophthalmic	Ocular Treatments (2022)	*Any product - see Form Brief for suggested products	Artificial Tear substitute, Ophthalmic (Preservative Free); Ciprofloxacin, Ophthalmic Solution; Polymyxin B/trimethoprim, Ophthalmic Solution; Prednisolone, Ophthalmic Suspension	Yes
Corticosteroid (Topical) - Intermediate Potency	Topical Corticosteroids	Atopic Dermatitis (2020)	*Any product*	Corticosteroid (Topical) - Low Potency	Yes
Corticosteroid (Topical) - Low Potency	Topical Corticosteroids	Atopic Dermatitis (2020)	*Any product*	Corticosteroid (Topical) - Intermediate Potency	Yes
Corticosteroid, intranasal	Intranasal Corticosteroid	Allergic Rhinitis (2018)	*Any product*		Yes
Corticosteroids (Topical) - High Potency (Class I and II)	Topical Corticosteroids	Alopecia Areata (2022)		Corticosteroid (Topical) - Intermediate Potency; Corticosteroid (Topical) - Low Potency	Yes

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Cyanocobalamin (Vitamin B12), oral	Vitamin, Water Soluble	Hematologic Supplements (2016)			Yes
Dedicated emergency contraceptive	===REMOVED from NCF===	Contraception (2016)	Removed Sept 2013	Levonorgestrel (Plan B One-Step®); Ulipristal	No
Dextroamphetamine / Amphetamine (immediate release)	Central Nervous System Stimulant	ADHD (Jan 2020)	Pediatric use only		Yes
Dextroamphetamine / Amphetamine (long-acting)	Central Nervous System Stimulant	ADHD (Jan 2020)	Pediatric use only		Yes
Diclofenac	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)	*Any formulation*	Ibuprofen; Indomethacin; Meloxicam; Naproxen	Yes
Dicyclomine	Anticholinergic Agent	Irritable Bowel Syndrome (2018)			Yes
Digoxin	Antiarrhythmic Agent, Miscellaneous; Cardiac Glycoside	Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction (HFrEF) (2022)			Yes
Diltiazem	Antihypertensive; Calcium Channel Blocker, Nondihydropyridine	Hypertension (2022)		Amlodipine	Yes
Divalproex	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Bipolar Disorder (2022)		Carbamazepine; Lamotrigine; Levetiracetam; Phenytoin; Topiramate	Yes
Dolutegravir	Antiretroviral, Integrase Inhibitor (Anti-HIV)	HIV Updates (2020)	For HIV treatment in pregnant patients	Emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; Raltegravir	Yes
Dolutegravir/Abacavir/Lamivudine	Antiretroviral, Integrase Inhibitor (Anti-HIV)	HIV Treatment (2019)	*Note: HLA B5701 testing required prior to initiation	Bictegravir/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir alafenamide; Dolutegravir; Emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; Raltegravir	Yes
Donepezil	Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitor (Central)	Alzheimer's disease (2019)	5mg and 10mg strengths		Yes
Doxazosin	Alpha1 Blocker; Antihypertensive	Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy (Nov 2022)		Prazosin; Tamsulosin	Yes
Doxycycline	Antibiotic, Tetracycline	STIs - PART 1 (2021)			Yes

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Dulaglutide	===REMOVED from NCF===	NPTC Meeting Update (2020)	Removed Nov 2020		No
Duloxetine	Antidepressant, Serotonin/Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor/Antagonist	Bipolar Disorder (2022)		Bupropion; Venlafaxine	Yes
Empagliflozin	Antidiabetic Agent, Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter 2 (SGLT2) Inhibitor	Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction (HFrEF) (2022)			Yes
Emtricitabine/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	Antiretroviral, Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor, Nucleoside (Anti-HIV); Antiretroviral, Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor, Nucleotide (Anti-HIV)	HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) (2018)	For (1) Pre-Exposure HIV Prophylaxis, (2) Post-Exposure HIV Prophylaxis (with raltegravir) or (3) HIV Treatment (with raltegravir) in patients with contraindications for 1st line anti-HIV agents	Raltegravir	Yes
Epinephrine Injection Devices (both 0.15mg and 0.3mg)	Alpha-/Beta- Agonist	Epinephrine Injection Devices (2020)	Any device, auto-injector or pre-filled syringe		Yes
Escitalopram	Antidepressant, Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor	Bipolar Disorder (2022)		Citalopram; Fluoxetine; Paroxetine; Sertraline	Yes
Estradiol for Injection	Estrogen Derivative	Gender Affirming Therapies (2022)	Either valerate or cypionate product	Estradiol tablets; Estradiol, transdermal	Yes
Estradiol tablets	Estrogen Derivative	Gender-Affirming Medications (2022)		Estradiol for Injection; Estradiol, transdermal	Yes
Estradiol, transdermal	Estrogen Derivative	Gender Affirming Therapies (2022)	*Any patch*	Estradiol for Injection; Estradiol tablets	Yes
Estrogen vaginal cream	Estrogen Derivative	NPTC Meeting Update (May 2018)	*Any product*	Estradiol tablets	Yes
Etanercept	Antirheumatic, Disease Modifying; Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blocking Agent	TNF Inhibitors (2016)		Adalimumab-bwwd (Hadlima™)	Yes
Ethambutol	Antitubercular Agent	Treatment of Tuberculosis (2021)		Isoniazid; Pyrazinamide; Rifampin; Rifapentine	Yes
Ethinyl estradiol / Etonogestrel vaginal ring	Contraceptive; Estrogen and Progestin Combination	Contraception (2016)			Yes
Ethinyl estradiol / Norelgestromin, transdermal	Contraceptive; Estrogen and Progestin Combination	Contraception (2016)			Yes

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Ethosuximide	Anticonvulsant, Succinimide	Anti-Seizure Drugs (2021)		Carbamazepine; Clonazepam; Divalproex; Gabapentin; Lamotrigine; Levetiracetam; Phenytoin; Topiramate	Yes
Etonogestrel, implant	Contraceptive; Progestin	Long Acting Reversible Contraception (2021)	For use by a skilled and privileged provider	Oral contraceptive pill, progestin only	Yes
Ezetimibe	Antilipemic Agent, 2-Azetidinone	Hyperlipidemia (2022)			Yes
Famotidine	Histamine H2 Antagonist	Fall 2022 NPTC Meeting Update			Yes
Fibric Acid Derivative	===REMOVED from NCF===	Hyperlipidemia (2017)	Removed Feb 2017		No
Finasteride	5 Alpha-Reductase Inhibitor	Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy (Nov 2022)			Yes
Fluconazole, oral	Antifungal Agent, Azole Derivative	Male Genitourinary Infections (Nov 2022)			Yes
Fluoride, oral	Nutritional Supplement	Supplements in Oral Health (2016)	*Any oral formulation*		Yes
Fluoxetine	Antidepressant, Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor	Bipolar Disorder (2022)		Sertraline	Yes
Fluticasone / Salmeterol (Advair®)			Removed Oct 2012	Fluticasone/salmeterol	No
Fluticasone/Salmeterol	Beta2 Agonist, Long-Acting; Corticosteroid, Inhalant	LABAs (2019)		Mometasone (Asmanex®)	Yes
Folic Acid	Vitamin, Water Soluble	Pregnancy & Prenatal Care (2021)	Any product containing >400 mcg / daily dose		Yes
Furosemide	Antihypertensive	Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF) (2022)			Yes
Gabapentin	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous; GABA Analog	Antiseizure Drugs (2021)			Yes

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Gemfibrozil	===REMOVED from NCF===	Dyslipidemia Guidelines Review (2014)	Removed Feb 2014		No
Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir (Mavyret®)	Antihepaciviral	HCV Treatment (2018)		Ledipasvir/sofosbuvir (Harvoni®); Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (Epclusa®)	Yes
Glipizide	Antidiabetic Agent; Sulfonylurea	Diabetes Treatment Overview (2017)			Yes
Glucagon	Antidote; Hypoglycemia	Glucagon Products Review (2021)	For outpatient use		Yes
Glucose, oral	Antidote	Glucagon Products Review (2021)	Any formulation	Glucagon	Yes
Glyburide	===REMOVED from NCF=== (see Glipizide)	Sulfonylureas (2015)	Removed May 2015	Glipizide	No
H1 Antagonist (2nd generation), long-acting	Histamine H1 Antagonist, Second Generation	Allergic Rhinitis (2018)	*Any product*		Yes
Haloperidol decanoate	Antipsychotic, Typical (First Generation) - Injectable	Long-Acting Injectable Antipsychotics (2020)	Injectable	Aripiprazole lauroxil	Yes
Hydrochlorothiazide	Antihypertensive; Thiazide Diuretic	Hypertension (2022)		Chlorthalidone	Yes
Hydroxychloroquine	Antimalarial	Non-biologic DMARDs (2016)		Leflunomide; Methotrexate; Sulfasalazine	Yes
Hydroxyzine	Histamine H1 Antagonist, First Generation	Anxiety Disorders (2021)			Yes
Ibuprofen	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)		Diclofenac; Indomethacin; Meloxicam; Naproxen	Yes
Imipramine	===REMOVED from NCF=== (see Nortriptyline)	Antidepressant Use in Chronic Pain (2014)	Removed May 2014	Nortriptyline	No
Indomethacin	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)		Diclofenac; Ibuprofen; Meloxicam; Naproxen	Yes

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Insulin aspart (NovoLog®)	Insulin, Rapid-Acting	Diabetes Treatment Overview (2017)	*Branded product*; Pen Device		Yes
Insulin aspart / Insulin aspart protamine (NovoLog® Mix 70/30)	Insulin, Combination (70/30 Mix)	Diabetes Treatment Overview (2017)	*Branded product*; Pen Device		Yes
Insulin detemir (Levemir®)	===REMOVED from NCF===		Removed October 2023		No
Insulin glargine (Lantus®)	===REMOVED from NCF=== (see Insulin detemir)	NPTC Meeting Update (May 2019)	Removed May 2019	Insulin detemir (Levemir®)	No
Insulin glargine, Any	Insulin, Long-Acting	Long-Acting Insulins & Biosimilars (2021)	*Biosimilars of insulin glargine are intended to be included for consideration		Yes
Insulin NPH (NovoLIN® N)	Insulin, Intermediate-Acting	Diabetes Treatment Overview (2017)	*Branded product*		Yes
Insulin NPH / Regular human insulin (NovoLIN® 70/30)	Insulin, Combination (70/30 Mix)	Diabetes Treatment Overview (2017)	*Branded product*		Yes
Insulin Regular human (NovoLIN® R)	Insulin, Short-Acting	Diabetes Treatment Overview (2017)	*Branded product*		Yes
Intrauterine device, copper	Contraceptive	Long Acting Reversible Contraception (2021)	*Any product*; For use by a skilled and privileged provider	Intrauterine device, levonorgestrel	Yes
Intrauterine device, levonorgestrel	Contraceptive, Progestin	Long Acting Reversible Contraception (2021)	*Any product*; For use by a skilled and privileged provider	Intrauterine device, copper	Yes
Ipratropium, MDI	===REMOVED from NCF===	COPD Inhalers (2015)	Removed Aug 2015	Albuterol, metered dose inhaler (MDI); Tiotropium (Spiriva®)	No
Iron, oral	Iron Salt	Pregnancy & Prenatal Care (2021)	*Any oral formulation*		Yes
Isoniazid	Antitubercular Agent	Treatment of Tuberculosis (2021)		Ethambutol; Pyrazinamide; Rifampin; Rifapentine	Yes
Isosorbide dinitrate	===REMOVED from NCF=== (see Isosorbide mononitrate)		Removed Aug 2013	Isosorbide mononitrate	No

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Isosorbide mononitrate	Antianginal Agent; Vasodilator	Anti-Anginal Treatment (2013)		Nitroglycerin patch	Yes
Lactulose	Ammonium Detoxicant; Laxative, Osmotic	Hepatic Encephalopathy (2020)		Polyethylene glycol	Yes
Lamotrigine	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Bipolar Disorder (2022)		Carbamazepine; Divalproex; Levetiracetam; Phenytoin; Topiramate	Yes
Laxative, bulk-forming	Bulk-forming Laxative	Added July 2011 (Constipation)	*Any product*		Yes
Laxative, stimulant	Stimulant Laxative	Added July 2011 (Constipation)	*Any product*		Yes
Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir (Harvoni®)	Antihhepaciviral	HCV Treatment (2018)		Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir (Mavyret®); Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (Epclusa®)	Yes
Leflunomide	Antirheumatic, Disease Modifying	Non-biologic DMARDs (2016)		Hydroxychloroquine; Methotrexate; Sulfasalazine	Yes
Letrozole	Antineoplastic Agent, Aromatase Inhibitor	NPTC Update Spring 2021			Yes
Leuprolide	Antineoplastic Agent, Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone Agonist	Treatment of Prostate Cancer (Nov 2022)	**Any depot form**		Yes
Levetiracetam	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Antiseizure Drugs (2021)		Carbamazepine; Divalproex; Lamotrigine; Phenytoin; Topiramate	Yes
Levonorgestrel (Plan B One-Step®)	Contraceptive, Progestin	Contraception (2016)	*Branded product*	Ulipristal	Yes
Levothyroxine	Thyroid Agent	Originally added 2004			Yes
Liraglutide -or- Semaglutide	===REMOVED from NCF===		Removed October 2023		No
Lisinopril	Antihypertensive, Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitor	Hypertension (2022)			Yes

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Lithium	Antimanic Agent	Bipolar Disorder (2022)			Yes
Long-acting monoclonal antibodies, All ACIP-recommended	Immune Globulin; Monoclonal Antibody	Prevention of RSV (2023)	For example: nirsevimab (Beyfortus®)		Yes
Loperamide	Antidiarrheal	Irritable Bowel Syndrome (2018)			Yes
Lopinavir / Ritonavir (Kaletra®)	===REMOVED from NCF=== (see Emtricitabine/tenofovir)	HIV PrEP (2018)	Removed August 2013		No
Lorazepam	Benzodiazepine	Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome (2015)		Clonazepam	Yes
Losartan	Antihypertensive, Angiotensin II Receptor Blocker	Hypertension (2022)			Yes
Lovastatin	===REMOVED from NCF===	Dyslipidemia Guidelines Review (2014)	Removed April 2012	Atorvastatin; Pravastatin; Rosuvastatin; Simvastatin	No
Low-molecular weight heparin	Low-molecular Weight Heparin	VTE Prophylaxis (2011)	*Any product*		Yes
Medroxyprogesterone acetate, injection (IM and SC formulations)	Contraceptive, Progestin (Injection/Depot)	SC Depot Medroxyprogesterone (2023)	Both SC and IM formulations should be made available	Medroxyprogesterone, oral	Yes
Medroxyprogesterone, oral	Contraceptive; Progestin	Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (2017)		Medroxyprogesterone acetate, injection; Oral contraceptive pill, progestin only	Yes
Meloxicam	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)		Diclofenac; Ibuprofen; Indomethacin; Naproxen	Yes
Memantine	N-Methyl-D-Aspartate (NMDA) Receptor Antagonist	Alzheimer's disease (2019)			Yes
Mercaptopurine -OR- Azathioprine	Immunosuppresant Agent	Inflammatory Bowel Disease (2023)		Methotrexate; Sumatriptan	Yes
Mesalamine, oral	5-Aminosalicylic Acid Derivative	Inflammatory Bowel Disease (2023)	Once-Daily Formulation	Sulfasalazine	Yes

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Metformin	Antidiabetic Agent; Biguanide	Diabetes Treatment Overview (2017)			Yes
Methimazole	Antithyroid Agent; Thioamide	Hyperthyroidism (2021)		Propylthiouracil	Yes
Methotrexate	Antineoplastic Agent; Antirheumatic; Disease Modifying; Immunosuppressant Agent	Non-biologic DMARDs (2016)		Hydroxychloroquine; Leflunomide; Sulfasalazine	Yes
Methylphenidate (immediate release)	Central Nervous System Stimulant	ADHD (Jan 2020)	Pediatric use only	Methylphenidate (long-acting)	Yes
Methylphenidate (long-acting)	Central Nervous System Stimulant	ADHD (Jan 2020)	Pediatric use only	Methylphenidate (immediate release)	Yes
Metoprolol succinate	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker, Beta1 Selective	Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction (HFrEF) (2022)		Atenolol; Carvedilol, immediate-release; Propranolol	Yes
Metoprolol tartrate	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker, Beta1 Selective	Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction (HFrEF) (2022)		Atenolol; Carvedilol, immediate-release; Metoprolol succinate	Yes
Metronidazole, oral	Antibiotic, Miscellaneous	2021 CDC Guidelines for Sexually Transmitted Infections (2021)		Tinidazole	Yes
Metronidazole, topical	Antibiotic, Topical	Rosacea (2022)			Yes
Moisturizers (both cream- AND petroleum-based)	Skin and Mucous Membrane Agent, Miscellaneous; Topical Skin Product	Atopic Dermatitis (2020)		Corticosteroids (Topical) - High potency (Class I and II); Corticosteroid (Topical) - Intermediate potency; Corticosteroid (Topical) - Low potency; Tacrolimus	Yes
Mometasone (Asmanex®)	Corticosteroid, Inhalant	Asthma & COPD Guidelines Review (2019)	*Branded product*		Yes
Mometasone / Formoterol (Dulera®)	===REMOVED from NCF=== (see Fluticasone/salmeterol)	LABAs (2019)	Removed June 2019	Fluticasone/salmeterol	No
Montelukast	Leukotriene Receptor Antagonist	Asthma & COPD Guidelines Review (2019)			Yes
Mupirocin	Antibiotic, Topical	Skin & Soft Tissue Infections (2021)			Yes

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Naloxone	Antidote; Opioid Antagonist	Opioid Use Disorder (2018)			Yes
Naltrexone, extended-release for injection	Antidote; Opioid Antagonist	Opioid Use Disorder (2018)			Yes
Naltrexone, oral	Antidote; Opioid Antagonist	Alcohol Use Disorder (2022)		Naloxone	Yes
Naproxen	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)		Diclofenac; Ibuprofen; Indomethacin	Yes
Niacin extended release (Niaspan®)	===REMOVED from NCF===	Hyperlipidemia (2017)	Removed Feb 2017		No
Nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), combination	Smoking Cessation Aid	Nicotine Dependence (2020)	Combination NRT (nicotine patches + any short-acting NRT product)	Bupropion; Varenicline	Yes
Nifedipine (controlled or extended release)	===REMOVED from NCF===	Calcium Channel Blockers (2014)	Removed August 2014	Amlodipine	No
Nirmatrelvir and Ritonavir (Paxlovid®)	Antiviral Agent; Cytochrome P-450 Inhibitor	COVID-19 Update (2023)			Yes
Nitrofurantoin	Antibiotic, Miscellaneous	Urinary Tract Infections (2021)			Yes
Nitroglycerin 0.4 milligrams, sublingual	Antianginal Agent; Antidote, Extravasation; Vasodilator	Anti-Anginal Treatment (2013)		Isosorbide mononitrate; Nitroglycerin patch	Yes
Nitroglycerin patch	Antianginal Agent; Antidote, Extravasation; Vasodilator	Anti-Anginal Treatment (2013)		Isosorbide mononitrate	Yes
Norgestrel 0.075mg OTC tablets (Opill®)	Contraceptive, Progestin	Norgestrel OTC - Opill (2023)		Oral contraceptive pill, progestin only (prescription)	Yes
Nortriptyline	Antidepressant, Tricyclic	Bipolar Disorder (2022)		Amitriptyline	Yes
Omeprazole (enteric coated)	===REMOVED from NCF=== (see Proton Pump Inhibitor)	Long-Term Use of PPIs (2014)	Removed Feb 2014	Proton Pump Inhibitor	No

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Ondansetron	Antiemetic; Selective 5-HT3 Receptor Antagonist	Antiemetic Agents (2021)			Yes
Ophthalmic Prostaglandin Analog	Ophthalmic Prostaglandin Analog	Ophth Prostaglandin Analogs (2018)	*Any product*		Yes
Oral contraceptive pill, extended cycle	Contraceptive	Contraception (2016)	*Any product*		Yes
Oral contraceptive pill, monophasic: 20mcg EE (low)	Contraceptive	Contraception (2016)	*Any product*		Yes
Oral contraceptive pill, monophasic: 30-35mcg EE (medium)	Contraceptive	Contraception (2016)	*Any product*		Yes
Oral contraceptive pill, progestin only (prescription)	Contraceptive, Progestin	Norgestrel OTC - Opill (2023)	*Any product*		Yes
Oral contraceptive pill, triphasic	Contraceptive	Contraception (2016)	*Any product*		Yes
Oseltamivir	Antiviral Agent; Neuraminidase Inhibitor	Treatment of Influenza (2019)			Yes
Oxcarbazepine	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Bipolar Disorder (2022)		Carbamazepine; Clonazepam; Divalproex; Gabapentin; Lamotrigine; Levetiracetam; Phenytoin; Topiramate	Yes
Oxybutynin, extended-release	Antispasmodic Agent, Urinary	Antimuscarinics (2019)		Oxybutynin, Immediate-release	Yes
Oxybutynin, immediate-release	Antispasmodic Agent, Urinary	Antimuscarinics (2019)		Oxybutynin, extended-release	Yes
Paroxetine	Antidepressant, Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor	Bipolar Disorder (2022)		Citalopram; Escitalopram; Fluoxetine; Sertraline	Yes
Penicillin G benzathine	Antibiotic, Penicillin	STIs - PART 1 (2021)		Amoxicillin; Amoxicillin and Clavulanate; Penicillin V potassium	Yes
Penicillin V potassium	Antibiotic, Penicillin	Outpatient Abx Stewardship & URIs (2021)	Pediatric and Adult oral formulations	Amoxicillin; Amoxicillin and Clavulanate; Penicillin G benzathine	Yes

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Permethrin 1%	Antiparasitic Agent, Topical; Pediculocide; Scabidical Agent	Sexually Transmitted Infections, Part III (2022)	*Any formulation*	Permethrin 5% cream	Yes
Permethrin 5% cream	Antiparasitic Agent, Topical; Pediculocide; Scabidical Agent	Sexually Transmitted Infections, Part III (2022)		Permethrin 1%, any formulation	Yes
Phentermine and Topiramate ER (**REMS drug**)	===REMOVED from NCF===		Removed October 2023		No
Phenytoin	Anticonvulsant, Hydantoin	Antiseizure Drugs (2021)		Carbamazepine; Divalproex; Lamotrigine; Levetiracetam; Topiramate	Yes
Phosphodiesterase 5 (PDE5) Inhibitor	===REMOVED from NCF===	Erectile Dysfunction (Nov 2022)	Removed November 2022		No
Pioglitazone	Antidiabetic Agent, Thiazolidinedione	Thiazolidinediones (2017)			Yes
Polyethylene glycol	Laxative, Osmotic	Irritable Bowel Syndrome (2018)	*Any product*	Lactulose	Yes
Polymyxin B/Trimethoprim, ophthalmic solution	Antibiotic, Ophthalmic	Ocular Treatments (2022)		Artificial Tear substitute, ophthalmic (preservative free); Ciprofloxacin, ophthalmic solution; Corticosteroid (Ophthalmic) - Low Potency	Yes
Pramipexole	Anti-Parkinson Agent, Dopamine Agonist	Insomnia/Sleep Medications (2021)			Yes
Pravastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor	Hyperlipidemia (2022)		Atorvastatin; Rosuvastatin; Simvastatin	Yes
Prazosin	Alpha1 Blocker; Antihypertensive	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (2021)		Doxazosin; Tamsulosin	Yes
Prednisolone acetate, ophthalmic suspension	Corticosteroid, Ophthalmic	Ocular Treatments (2022)		Artificial Tear substitute, ophthalmic (preservative free); Ciprofloxacin, ophthalmic solution; Corticosteroid (Ophthalmic) - Low Potency; Polymyxin B/Trimethoprim, ophthalmic solution	Yes
Prednisone	Corticosteroid, Systemic	Atopic Dermatitis (2020)			Yes
Prenatal Multivitamin	Vitamin	Pregnancy & Prenatal Care (2021)	Must contain >400 mcg of folic acid/dose		Yes

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Propranolol	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker, Non-Selective	Migraine Prevention (2019)		Atenolol	Yes
Propylthiouracil	Antithyroid Agent; Thioamide	Hyperthyroidism (2021)		Methimazole	Yes
Proton Pump Inhibitor	Proton Pump Inhibitor	GERD & PUD (2018)	*Any product*		Yes
Pyrazinamide	Antitubercular Agent	Treatment of Tuberculosis (2021)		Ethambutol; Isoniazid; Rifampin	Yes
Pyridoxine (Vitamin B6)	Vitamin, Water Soluble	Pregnancy & Prenatal Care (2021)			Yes
Raltegravir	Antiretroviral, Integrase Inhibitor (Anti-HIV)	HIV Treatment (2019)	For (1) HIV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (with emtricitabine/tenofovir DF) or (2) HIV Treatment (with emtricitabine/tenofovir DF) in patients with contraindications for 1st line anti-HIV agents	Emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	Yes
Ranitidine	===REMOVED from NCF===		Removed August 2022		No
Rifampin	Antitubercular Agent	Treatment of Tuberculosis (2021)		Ethambutol; Isoniazid; Pyrazinamide; Rifapentine	Yes
Rifapentine	Antitubercular Agent	Treatment of Tuberculosis (2021)		Ethambutol; Isoniazid; Pyrazinamide; Rifampin	Yes
Rifaximin	Antibiotic, Rifamycin	Hepatic Encephalopathy (2020)	After failure of, or intolerance to, lactulose monotherapy as indicated for hepatic encephalopathy	Lactulose	Yes
Rosuvastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor	Hyperlipidemia (2022)		Atorvastatin; Pravastatin; Simvastatin	Yes
Sacubitril and Valsartan	Angiotensin II Receptor Blocker; Neprilysin Inhibitor	Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction (HFrEF) (2022)			Yes
Salmeterol (Serevent®)	===REMOVED from NCF===	Inhaled Anticholinergics (2011)	Removed Sept 2011		No
Salsalate	Salicylate	Added June 2008 (NSAIDs)			Yes

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Saxagliptin	===REMOVED from NCF=== (see Alogliptin)	DPP-IV Inhibitors (2019)	Removed Feb 2019	Alogliptin	No
Semaglutide (Ozempic®)	Antidiabetic Agent, Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) Receptor Agonist	GLP-1 & GLP-1/GIP Receptor Agonists for DM2 and Obesity (2023)	Subcutaneous formulation only		Yes
Semaglutide (Wegovy®) -OR- Tirzepatide (Zepbound™)	Antidiabetic Agent, Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) Receptor Agonist; Glucose-Dependent Insulinotropic Polypeptide (GIP)/Glucagon-Like Peptide (GLP-1) Receptor Agonist	NPTC Update (Jan 2024)	For weight management, with recommended local adoption of use criteria	Tirzepatide (Zepbound™) -OR- Semaglutide (Wegovy®)	Yes
Semaglutide, dulaglutide or liraglutide	===REMOVED from NCF===		Dulaglutide removed from NCF; liraglutide and semaglutide remain on NCF		No
Serotonin 5-HT ₁ agonist (Triptan)	Antimigraine Agent; Serotonin 5-HT 1B/1D Receptor Agonist	Acute Migraine (2021)	Any two (2) triptan medications are required, one must be sumatriptan	Sumatriptan	Yes
Sertraline	Antidepressant, Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor	Bipolar Disorder (2022)		Citalopram; Escitalopram; Fluoxetine; Paroxetine	Yes
Sevelamer carbonate	Phosphate Binder	Phosphate Binders (2018)	For patients on dialysis who cannot use calcium-based phosphate binders due to hypercalcemia	Calcium	Yes
Sildenafil	Phosphodiesterase-5 Enzyme Inhibitor	Erectile Dysfunction (Nov 2022)		Tadalafil	Yes
Simvastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor	Hyperlipidemia (2022)		Atorvastatin; Pravastatin; Rosuvastatin	Yes
Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir (Epclusa®)	Antihepaciviral	HCV Treatment (2018)		Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir (Mavyret®); Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir (Harvoni®)	Yes
Spironolactone	Antihypertensive; Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonists; Potassium Sparing Diuretic	Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction (HFrEF) (2022)			Yes
Sulfasalazine	5-Aminosalicylic Acid Derivative	Inflammatory Bowel Disease (2018)		Hydroxychloroquine; Leflunomide; Methotrexate	Yes
Sulindac	===REMOVED from NCF===	NSAIDs in Chronic Pain (2014)	Removed May 2014	Diclofenac; Ibuprofen; Indomethacin; Meloxicam; Naproxen	No
Sumatriptan	Antimigraine Agent; Serotonin 5-HT 1B/1D Receptor Agonist	Acute Migraine (2021)	Any two (2) triptan medications are required, one must be sumatriptan		Yes

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Sunscreen, Sun Protection Factor (SPF) 30 or greater	Ultraviolet light protectant, topical	Rosacea Treatment (2022)			Yes
Tacrolimus, topical	Calcineurin Inhibitor; Immunosuppressant Agent; Topical Skin Product	Atopic Dermatitis (2020)		Corticosteroids (Topical) - High Potency (Class I and II); Corticosteroid (Topical) - Intermediate Potency; Corticosteroid (Topical) - Low Potency; Moisturizers (both cream- AND petroleum-based)	Yes
Tadalafil	Phosphodiesterase-5 Enzyme Inhibitor	Erectile Dysfunction (Nov 2022)		Sildenafil	Yes
Tamoxifen	Antineoplastic Agent, Estrogen Receptor Antagonist; Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulator	NPTC Update Spring 2021			Yes
Tamsulosin	Alpha1 Blocker	Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy (Nov 2022)		Doxazosin; Prazosin	Yes
Terazosin	===REMOVED from NCF===	Prazosin in PTSD (2012)	Removed Jan 2012	Doxazosin; Prazosin; Tamsulosin	No
Testosterone (**REMS Drug**)	Androgen	Male Hypogonadism (2022)	Any formulation. Certain formulations (i.e., undecanoate) have REMS requirements		Yes
Tinidazole	Antibiotic, Miscellaneous	2021 CDC Guidelines for Sexually Transmitted Infections (2021)		Metronidazole	Yes
Tiotropium (Spiriva®)	Long-Acting Anticholinergic Agent	Long Acting Muscarinic Antagonists (2019)	*Branded product*		Yes
Tirzepatide (Zepbound™) -OR- Semaglutide (Wegovy®)	Antidiabetic Agent, Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) Receptor Agonist; Glucose-Dependent Insulinotropic Polypeptide (GIP)/Glucagon-Like Peptide (GLP-1) Receptor Agonist	NPTC Update (Jan 2024)	For weight management with recommended local adoption of use criteria	Semaglutide (Wegovy®) -OR- Tirzepatide (Zepbound™)	Yes
Topiramate	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Alcohol Use Disorder (2022)		Carbamazepine; Divalproex; Lamotrigine; Levetiracetam; Phenytoin	Yes
Torsemide -OR- Bumetanide	Antihypertensive	Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF) (2022)		Bumetanide -OR- Torsemide; Furosemide	Yes
Trazodone	===REMOVED from NCF===	Insomnia (2015)	Removed Oct 2015		No
Tretinoin, topical	Topical Skin Product, Acne	Treatment of Acne vulgaris (2020)	*Any product*		Yes

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Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole	Antibiotic, Miscellaneous	Skin & Soft Tissue Infections (2021)			Yes
Trosipium	===REMOVED from NCF=== (see Oxybutynin ER, IR)	Antimuscarinics (2019)	Removed Feb 2019	Oxybutynin, Extended-release; Oxybutynin, Immediate-release	No
Ulipristal	Contraceptive; Progestin Receptor Modulator	Contraception (2016)		Levonorgestrel (Plan B One-Step®)	Yes
Umeclidinium/Vilanterol	Long-Acting Muscarinic Antagonist (LAMA) / Long-Acting Beta2 Agonist (LABA)	LAMAs (2019)		Tiotropium (Spiriva®)	Yes
Vaccines, All ACIP-recommended	Vaccines	Vaccine (2011)	All ACIP recommended vaccines for routine use in accordance with ACIP guidelines		Yes
Valacyclovir	Antiviral Agent, Oral	2021 CDC Guidelines for Sexually Transmitted Infections (2021)			Yes
Vancomycin, oral	Glycopeptide	Clostridioides Difficile (2023)		Metronidazole, oral	Yes
Varenicline	Partial Nicotine Agonist, Smoking Cessation Aid	Nicotine Dependence (2020)		Bupropion	Yes
Venlafaxine	Antidepressant, Serotonin/Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor/Antagonist	Bipolar Disorder (2022)		Bupropion; Duloxetine	Yes
Verapamil	===REMOVED from NCF=== (see Diltiazem)	Calcium Channel Blockers (2014)	Removed August 2014	Diltiazem	No
Vitamin D Analog, topical	Vitamin D Analog	Psoriasis (2018)	*Any product*		Yes
Vitamin D, Any	Vitamin D Analog	Vitamin D Analogues in CKD (2010)	*Any product*		Yes
Warfarin	Anticoagulant; Vitamin K Antagonist	Direct Oral Anticoagulants (2017)		Apixaban; Low-molecular weight heparin	Yes