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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR

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TO : ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, SERVICES, AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT; MINISTER OF HEALTH-BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS; ATTACHED AGENCIES; NATIONAL DRUG POLICY COMPLIANCE OFFICERS; AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Inclusion of Ceftazidime/Avibactam and Ceftolozane/Tazobactam in the Philippine National Drug Formulary (PNDF)

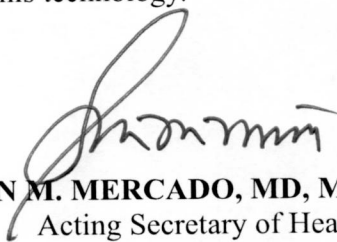
In line with the positive recommendation of the Department of Science and Technology - Health Technology Assessment Council (DOST-HTAC), the PNDP shall be updated to reflect the inclusion of ceftazidime-avibactam and ceftolozane-tazobactam as listed:

Molecule	CEFTAZIDIME/ AVIBACTAM	CEFTOLOZANE/ TAZOBACTAM
Dosage Strength	2 g/0.5 g	1 g/0.5 g
Salt Form	<i>none specified</i>	<i>none specified</i>
Dosage Form	Powder for concentrate for solution for infusion	Powder for concentrate for solution for infusion
Packaging	<i>none specified</i>	<i>none specified</i>
Indication	For the treatment of adult hospitalized patients ≥ 18 years with hospital-acquired pneumonia or ventilator-acquired pneumonia caused by carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CRE) or carbapenem-resistant Pseudomonas aeruginosa (CRPA)	For the treatment of adult hospitalized patients ≥ 18 years with hospital-acquired pneumonia or ventilator-acquired pneumonia caused by CRPA

Other implements/ attachments	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>
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The PNDF may be accessed at <https://pndf.doh.gov.ph> to view the up-to-date information on medicines listed in the formulary. A copy of the detailed recommendations is accessible through the DOST-HTAC website.

All concerned offices are hereby requested to disseminate this information through this circular to ensure a uniform understanding, guide planning and resource allocation, and support the readiness of health care provider networks in integrating this technology.


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