

Part Two

UNHCR List of Essential Drugs

Basic List – “List B”*

<i>UNHCR code</i>	<i>Drug</i>	<i>Form, dose</i>
2. ANALGESICS		
2.1 Non-opioid analgesics		
50 133	acetylsalicylic acid	tablet, 300 mg
50 137	paracetamol	tablet, 500 mg
50 139	paracetamol	tablet, 100 mg
3. ANTI-ALLERGICS		
50 145	chlorphenamine	tablet, 4 mg
6. ANTI-INFECTIVE DRUGS		
6.1 Antihelminthics		
50 189	mebendazole	tablet, 100 mg
6.2 Antibacterials		
6.2.1 Penicillins		
50 209	ampicillin	capsule, 250 mg (anhydrous)
50 213	ampicillin	powder for oral suspension, 250 mg (anhydrous)/5 ml
50 233	phenoxymethylpenicillin	tablet, 250 mg (as potassium salt)
6.2.2 Other antibacterial drugs		
50 265	sulphadimidine	tablet, 500 mg
50 269	sulphamethoxazole + trimethoprim	tablet, 400 mg + 80 mg
6.3 Antifungal drugs		
50 281	nystatin	pessary, 100,000 IU

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6.4.3 Antimalarial drugs

50 285	chloroquine	tablet, 150 mg (as phosphate or sulphate)
50 289	chloroquine	syrup, 50 mg (as phosphate or sulphate)/5 ml

10. DRUGS AFFECTING THE BLOOD

10.1 Anti-anaemia drugs

50 301	ferrous sulphate	tablet, equivalent to 60 mg iron
50 305	ferrous sulphate	powder for oral suspension, equivalent to 15 mg iron in 0.6 ml
50 309	ferrous sulphate + folic acid	tablet, 60 mg + 200 micrograms

13. DERMATOLOGICAL DRUGS

13.1 Antifungal drugs

50 345	benzoic acid + salicylic acid	ointment, 6% + 3%, 25 g tube
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13.2 Anti-infective drugs

50 349	gentian violet	crystals
50 353	neomycin + bacitracin	ointment, 5 mg + 500 IU g, 25 g tube

13.3 Anti-inflammatory and antipruritic drugs

50 357	calamine lotion	lotion
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13.6 Scabicides and pediculicides

50 365	benzyl benzoate	lotion, 25%
50 369	lindane	cream or lotion, 1%

15. DISINFECTANTS

50 377	chlorhexidine	solution, 5% (digluconate) for dilution (or with cetrimide)
50 381	iodine (or. povidone-iodine 10%)	solution, 2.5%

17. GASTRO-INTESTINAL DRUGS

17.1 Antacids and other anti-ulcer drugs

50 393	aluminium hydroxide	tablet, 500 mg
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17.2 Anti-emetics		
50 397	promethazine	tablet, 25 mg (hydrochloride)
50 401	promethazine	syrup, 5 mg/5 ml
17.6 Cathartics		
50 413	senna	tablet, 7.5 mg (sennosides)
17.7 Drugs used in diarrhoea		
50 417	oral rehydration salts	sachet, 27.9 g - sodium chloride, 3.5 g - trisodium citrate dihydrate, 2.9 g - potassium chloride, 1.5 g - glucose, 20.0 g
21. OPHTHALMOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS		
21.1 Anti-infective agents		
50 449	tetracycline	eye ointment, 1% (hydrochloride), 5 g tube
25. RESPIRATORY DRUGS		
25.1 Anti-asthmatic drugs		
50 479	aminophylline	tablet, 100 mg
27. VITAMINS		
50 523	ascorbic acid	tablet, 50 mg
50 527	retinol	tablet, 60 mg (200,000 IU)

Supplementary List – “List S”*

<i>UNHCR code</i>	<i>Drug</i>	<i>Form, dose</i>
1. ANAESTHETICS		
1.1 General anaesthetics		
50 117	ether, anaesthetic	inhalation
50 121	halothane	inhalation
50 125	ketamine	injection, 50 mg/ml in 10 ml vial
1.2 Local anaesthetics		
50 129	lidocaine	injection, 1% (hydrochloride) 50 ml vial
2. ANALGESICS		
2.1 Non-opioid analgesics		
50 141	probenecid	tablet, 500 mg
2.2 Opioids		
50 143	pentazocine	injection, 30 mg (as lactate) in 1 ml ampoule
3. ANTI-ALLERGICS		
50 149	dexamethasone	injection, 4 mg (sodium phosphate) in 1 ml ampoule
50 153	epinephrine	injection, 1 mg (as hydrochloride) in 1 ml ampoule
50 157	prednisolone	tablet, 5 mg
4. ANTIDOTES		
4.1 General antidotes		
50 161	ipecacuanha	syrup, containing 0.14% ipecacuanha alkaloids calculated as emetine

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4.2 Specific antidotes		
50 165	atropine	injection, 1 mg (sulphate) in 1 ml ampoule
50 169	naloxone	injection, 0.4 mg (hydrochloride) in 1 ml ampoule

5. ANTI-EPILEPTICS

50 173	diazepam	injection, 5 mg/ml in 2 ml ampoule
50 177	phenobarbital	tablet, 50 mg
50 181	phenobarbital	syrup, 15 mg/5 ml
50 185	phenytoin	tablet, 25 mg

6. ANTI-INFECTIVE DRUGS

6.1 Antihelminthics

50 193	niclosamide	tablet, 500 mg
50 197	piperazine	tablet, 500 mg (citrate) or adipate
50 201	piperazine	syrup (citrate), 500 mg hydrate/ml

6.2 Antibacterials

6.2.1 Penicillins

50 217	ampicillin	powder for injection, 500 mg (as sodium salt) in vial
50 221	benzathine benzylpenicillin	injection, 1.44 g (= 2.4 million IU)/5 ml in vial
50 225	benzylpenicillin	powder for injection, 3 g (= 5 mega IU) sodium or potassium salt
50 237	procaine benzylpenicillin	powder for injection, 3 g (= 3 mega IU)
50 229	cloxacillin	capsule, 500 mg (as sodium salt)
50 231	cloxacillin	injection, 500 mg powder (as sodium salt)

6.2.2 Other antibacterial drugs

50 239	tetracycline	capsule, 250 mg
50 241	chloramphenicol	capsule, 250 mg
50 245	chloramphenicol	powder for injection, 1 g (as sodium succinate) in vial
50 249	erythromycin	tablet, 250 mg
50 253	erythromycin	oral suspension, 125 mg (as stearate or ethyl succinate)
50 257	erythromycin	powder for injection, 500 mg (as lactobionate) in vial
50 261	gentamicin	injection, 40 mg (as sulphate)/ml in 2 ml vial

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6.3 Antifungal drugs		
50 277	griseofulvin	tablet, 125 mg
6.4.1 Anti-amoebics		
50 205	metronidazole	tablet, 200 mg
6.4.3 Antimalarial drugs		
50 293	quinine	tablet, 300 mg (bisulphate or sulphate)
50 297	quinine	injection, 300 mg (as dihydrochloride)/ml in 2 ml ampoule

11. BLOOD PRODUCTS AND BLOOD SUBSTITUTES

11.1 Plasma substitute

50 313	dextran 70	injectable solution, 6%
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12. CARDIO-VASCULAR DRUGS

12.1 Anti-anginal drugs

50 317	glyceryl trinitrate	tablet (sublingual), 0.5 mg
50 321	propranolol	tablet, 40 mg (hydrochloride)

12.3 Antihypertensive drugs

50 325	hydralazine	tablet, 50 mg (hydrochloride)
50 329	hydrochlorothiazide	tablet, 50 mg
50 321	propranolol	tablet, 40 mg (hydrochloride)

12.4 Cardiac glycosides

50 333	digoxin	tablet, 0.25 mg
50 337	digoxin	oral solution, 0.15 mg/ml
50 341	digoxin	injection, 0.25 mg/ml in 2 ml ampoule

13. DERMATOLOGICALS

13.3 Anti-inflammatory and antipruritic drugs

50 361	hydrocortisone	ointment or cream, 1% (acetate), 15 g tube
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14. DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS		
14.1 Ophthalmic agents		
50 373	fluorescein	eye-drops, 1% (sodium salt)
16. DIURETICS		
50 385	furosemide	tablets, 40 mg
50 389	furosemide	injection, 10 mg/ml in 2 ml ampoule
50 329	hydrochlorothiazide	tablets, 50 mg
17. GASTRO-INTESTINAL DRUGS		
17.2 Anti-emetics		
50 405	promethazine	injection 25 mg/ml in 2 ml ampoule
50 407	metoclopramide	injection 5 mg/ml in 2 ml ampoule
17.5 Antispasmodic drugs		
50 409	atropine	tablet, 1 mg (sulphate)
50 165	atropine	injection, 1 mg (sulphate) in 1 ml ampoule
18. HORMONES		
18.1 Adrenal hormones		
50 149	dexamethasone	injection, 4 mg (sodium phosphate) in 1 ml ampoule
50 421	dexamethasone	tablet, 4 mg
50 425	hydrocortisone	powder for injection, 100 mg (as sodium succinate) in vial
50 157	prednisolone	tablet, 5 mg
18.5 Insulins and other antidiabetic agents		
50 429	insulin (soluble)	injection, 40 IU/ml in 10 ml vial
50 433	intermediate acting insulin	injection 40 IU/ml in 10 ml vial
50 437	glibenclamide	tablet, 5 mg
18.7 Progestogens		
50 441	norethisterone	tablet, 5 mg
18.8 Thyroid hormones		
50 445	levothyroxine	tablet, 0.05 mg (sodium salt)

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19. IMMUNOLOGICALS

19.2 Sera and immunoglobulins

51 073 tetanus antitoxin injection, 50,000 IU in vial

19.3 Vaccines

19.3.1 For universal immunization

51 077 BCG vaccine (dried) injection

51 081 diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus vaccine injection

51 085 diphtheria-tetanus vaccine injection

51 089 measles vaccine injection

51 093 poliomyelitis vaccine (live attenuated) oral

51 097 tetanus vaccine injection

21. OPHTHALMOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS

21.3 Local anaesthetics

50 453 tetracaine solution (eye-drops), 0.5% (hydrochloride)

22. OXYTOCICS

50 459 ergometrine tablet, 0.2 mg (maleate)

50 463 ergometrine injection, 0.2 mg (maleate) in 1 ml ampoule

24. PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC DRUGS

50 467 chlorpromazine tablet, 25 mg (hydrochloride)

50 471 chlorpromazine injection, 25 mg (hydrochloride)/ml in 2 ml ampoule

50 475 diazepam tablet, 5 mg

25. RESPIRATORY DRUGS

25.1 Anti-asthmatic drugs

50 483 aminophylline injection, 25 mg/ml in 10 ml ampoule, IV

50 487 salbutamol tablet, 4 mg (sulphate)

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26. SOLUTIONS		
26.1 Oral		
50 491	potassium chloride	tablet, 600 mg slow release (= 8 mmol per tablet)
26.2 Parenteral		
50 495	compound solution of sodium lactate	injectable solution (IV), 500 ml bag
50 499	glucose	injectable solution, 5% isotonic
50 501	glucose	injectable solution, 50% hypertonic
50 503	potassium chloride	injectable solution
50 507	sodium chloride	injectable solution, 0.9% isotonic
26.3 Miscellaneous		
50 511	water for injection	2 ml ampoule
50 515	water for injection	5 ml ampoule
50 519	water for injection	10 ml ampoule

Specialized List - "List X"*

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6. ANTI-INFECTIVE DRUGS		
6.1.2 Antifilarial drugs		
50 049	diethylcarbamazine	tablet, 50 mg (citrate)
50 093	suramin sodium	powder for injection, 1 g in vial
50 095	ivermectin	tablet, 6 mg
6.1.3 Antischistosomes		
50 077	metrifonate	tablet, 100 mg
50 081	oxamniquine	capsule, 250 mg
50 085	praziquantel	tablet, 600 mg
6.2 Antibacterial drugs		
6.2.2 Other antibacterial drugs		
50 247	doxycycline	tablet or capsule, 100 mg
6.2.3 Antileprosy drugs		
50 001	clofazimine	capsule, 50 mg
50 005	clofazimine	capsule, 100 mg
50 009	dapsone	tablet, 50 mg
50 015	dapsone	tablet, 100 mg
50 017	rifampicin	capsule, 150 mg
50 021	rifampicin	capsule, 300 mg
6.2.4 Antituberculosis drugs		
50 025	ethambutol	tablet, 100 mg (hydrochloride)
50 029	isoniazid	tablet, 100 mg
50 033	pyrazinamide	tablet, 500 mg
50 017	rifampicin	capsule, 150 mg
50 021	rifampicin	capsule, 300 mg
50 037	streptomycin	powder for injection, 1g (as sulphate) in vial
50 041	thiacetazone + isoniazid	tablet, 50 mg + 100 mg
50 045	thiacetazone + isoniazid	tablet, 150 mg + 300 mg

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6.4.2 Antileishmaniasis drugs		
50 053	pentamidine	powder for injection, 200 mg (isetionate or mesilate) in vial
50 057	sodium stibogluconate	injection, 33% equivalent to 10% antimony, in 30 ml vial
6.4.3 Antimalarials		
50 073	mefloquine*	tablet, 250 mg
50 065	primaquine	tablet, 7.5 mg (as phosphate)
50 069	primaquine	tablet, 15 mg (as phosphate)
50 061	sulphadoxine + pyrimethamine	tablet, 500 mg + 25 mg
6.4.4 Antitrypanosomals		
50 089	melarsoprol	injection, 3.6% solution
50 053	pentamidine	powder for injection, 200 mg (isetionate or mesilate) in vial
18. HORMONES		
18.3 Contraceptives		
50 097	ethinyloestradiol + levonorgestrel	tablet, 0.03 mg + 0.15 mg
50 101	ethinyloestradiol + levonorgestrel	tablet, 0.05 mg + 0.25 mg
50 105	ethinyloestradiol + norethisterone	tablet, 0.05 mg + 1.0 mg
18.4 Oestrogens		
50 109	ethinyloestradiol	tablet, 0.05 mg
19. IMMUNOLOGICALS		
19.2 Sera and immunoglobulins		
51 010	antivenom serum	injection
19.3 Vaccines		
19.3.2 For specific groups of individuals		
51 060	meningococcal vaccine	injection
51 065	rabies vaccine	injection
51 069	yellow fever vaccine	injection

* Use of mefloquine is at present highly restricted in order to minimize development of resistance.

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27. VITAMINS		
50 113	pyridoxine	tablet, 25 mg (hydrochloride)
50 111	thiamine	tablet, 50 mg
50 115	thiamine	injection, 100 mg/ml