



Department of Health Program Briefer

Geriatric Health Medicines Access Program (GHMAP)

Pharmaceutical Division
(formerly known as NCPAM)

GOAL

To ensure the accessibility of free and quality medicines for the maintenance and other ailments that affect the elderly to achieve better health outcomes.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Promote geriatric health by:

- 1) Funding the procurement of medicines for geriatric patients.
- 2) Improving access to their maintenance medication thereby increasing compliance rate.

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Republic Act 9502, the Department of Health through the National Center for Pharmaceutical Access and Management (NCPAM) is tasked to pursue a medicines access program including geriatric healthcare nationwide. This will address the needs of the elderly/senior citizens focused on their overall health needs including their medicines requirements.

The GERIATRIC HEALTH MEDICINES ACCESS PROGRAM (GHMAP) was developed to address the needs to support the first ever GERIATRIC HOSPITAL in the country through the inauguration of the *Eva Macaraeg-Macapagal National Center for Geriatric Health* or formerly known as the *Singian Hospital* located along Malacañang, Manila in 2010. The Center was under the management of the *Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center (JRRMMC)*, since the House Bill for the establishment of this Center is still pending in the Congress.

PROGRAM UPDATES

In 2013, NCPAM sub-allotted Php 10,000,000.00 to JRRMMC for the procurement of drugs and medicines for the use of NCGH. These medicines were given for free to geriatric patients.

In 2013, the Department Order No. 2013-0038 dated April 11, 2013, entitled, "Guidelines on the Sub-allotment and Disbursement/Utilization of Funds to the Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center (JRRMMC) for the Implementation of the Geriatric Medicines Access Program of the Department of Health. The amount of Php 10,000,000.00 was sub-allotted by the DOH-NCPAM to JRRMMC.

The JRRMMC has been the procurement arm of the NCGH, while the NCPAM screened all the requested medicines for its compliance to the Philippine National Drug Formulary (PNDF) pursuant to Executive Order No. 49. In 2014, NCGH's supervision is transferred from JRRMMC to National Kidney Transplant Institute (NKTi).

Pursuant to the Senior Act of 2012 stated that all government hospital shall establish a "senior citizen ward". To this effect, all government hospitals shall also have available geriatric medicines. As of this early, the NCPAM together with the Experts from the NCGH may augment the supply of geriatric medicines to all government hospitals.

ACCESS SITES AND BENEFICIARIES

Since the NCGH is located in the heart of Manila, Senior citizens of Manila and nearby areas are now assured of quality and free medicines for their maintenance and other ailment affect elderly.

Below are the medicines procured of the use of NCGH's senior citizen: Fourteen (14) of the most commonly prescribed maintenance medicines for geriatric patient where included in the program.

1	Alendronate 70 mg tablet (as sodium salt)
2	Acetylcysteine 200 mg sachet
3	Allopurinol 100 mg tablet
4	Amlodipine 10 mg tablet (as besilate)
5	Amlodipine 10 mg tablet (as besilate)
6	Amlodipine 5 mg tablet (as besilate)
7	Ascorbic Acid 500 mg tablet
8	Aspirin 80 mg tablet
9	Azithromycin 500 mg tablet (as monohydrate)
10	Captopril 25 mg tablet
11	Celecoxib 200 mg capsule
12	Cefalexin 500 mg capsule (as monohydrate)
13	Cetirizine 10 mg tablet (as dihydrochloride)
14	Chloramphenicol Eye Drops Solution 0.5%, 5 mL bottle
15	Chloramphenicol 500 mg capsule
16	Cinnarizine 25 mg tablet
17	Clopidogrel 75 mg tablet
18	Clopidogrel 75 mg tablet
19	Doxycycline 100 mg capsule (as hyclate)
20	Enalapril 5 mg tablet (as maleate)
21	Erythromycin Eye Ointment 0.3%, 3.5 g tube
22	Gentamicin Injection 40 mg/mL, 2 mL ampul (IM, IV) (as sulfate)
23	Glibenclamide 5 mg tablet
24	Hydralazine Inj.: 20 mg/mL, 1 mL ampul (IM, IV) (as hydrochloride)
25	Hydroxyzine 10 mg tablet (as dihydrochloride)
26	Hyoscine 20 mg/mL Solution for Injection 1 mL ampul (IM, IV, SC) (as N-butyl bromide)
27	Ibuprofen 200 mg tablet
28	Loratadine 10 mg tablet
29	Losartan 50 mg tablet (as potassium salt)
30	Losartan + hydrochlorothiazide (50 mg losartan + 12.5 mg hydrochlorothiazide tablet)
31	Mecobalamin 500 microgram tablet
32	Mefenamic acid 500 mg tablet
33	Metformin 500 mg tablet (as hydrochloride)
34	Metoprolol 50 mg tablet (as tartrate)
35	Multivitamins Oral: for Adults per tablet (Vitamin A: 425-525 microgram RE; Vitamin B1 0.7-1.3 mg/1.3-1.7 mg; Vitamin B2 0.7-1.3 mg; Vitamin B6 1.6-2 mg; Vitamin B12 3-5 microgram/2.4 microgram; Vitamin C 65-80 mg; Vitamin D 400 IU/5-15 microgram; Vitamin E 6-10 mg/10-12 mg; Folic Acid 100-170 microgram; Niacin 13-23 mg)
36	Omeprazole 20 mg capsule
37	Paracetamol 500 mg tablet
38	Simvastatin 20 mg tablet
39	Tramadol 50 mg capsule (as hydrochloride)
40	Tranexamic acid 500 mg capsule
41	Vitamin 100 mg B1 + 5 mg B6 + 50 microgram B12 per tablet

PROGRAM FOCAL POINTS

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