



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**



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Secretary  
Department of Health

Dear **Secretary Ubial**:

The Formulary Executive Council (FEC) respectfully recommends the **DISAPPROVAL** of the inclusion of the following medicines in the Philippine National Formulary (PNF) due the reasons specified below:

1. **Calcium citrate**
2. **Dicalcium phosphate**
3. **Magnesium oxide**

- Individual preparations of the drug are not FDA-registered and available in the Philippines.

4. **5% Dextrose in Water + Multivitamins**

- Irrational combination.

5. **Water- and fat-soluble Combination**

- Not life-saving.

6. **Special Disease Specific Products**

- Only a few patients will need the specific preparation. Several amino acid solutions for specific conditions (e.g., hepatic failure, renal conditions) are already available in the PNF.

Please be informed that the above list was posted for 30 days on the website of the Pharmaceutical Division to accommodate any comment or appeal from the stakeholders.

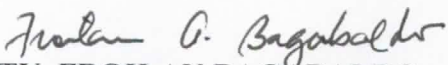
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**HEALTH FOR ALL**

For your disposition, Ma'am.


Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

For the Formulary Executive Council

  
**ATTY. FROILAN BAGABALDO**  
Chair  
Formulary Executive Council

Recommending disapproval:

  
**LILIBETH C. DAVID, MD, MPH, MPM, CESO III**  
Undersecretary of Health  
Office for Policy and Health Systems I

Official disapproval of the above medicines:

  
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