

Access to Essential Medicines

Essential medicines are those that satisfy the priority health care needs of the population and these medicines are intended to be available within the context of functioning health systems at all times in adequate amounts, in the appropriate dosage forms, with assured quality.

National List of Essential and Complementary Medicines being a critical component of Myanmar Essential Medicines Project, the first Myanmar Essential Medicines List was published in 1979. It has been revised as 2010 version to be relevant to updated concepts by National Essential Medicines Committee under the guidance of National Health Policy.

The Essential Medicines List consists of two sections, a "core" list representing the minimum medicines needs for a basic health-care system, and a "complementary" list for medicines that address priority health-care needs, but require specialized facilities/services, or are costly.