

Proposed list of essential reproductive health items for WHO Pre-qualification scheme - 21 March 2006

WHO, UNFPA and UNICEF will expand the current UN prequalification pilot project on AIDS, TB and Malaria to include a limited range of reproductive health products, provided sufficient funds are made available for this purpose. The selection criteria for inclusion in the WHO prequalification scheme are:

- Medicines included in the Interagency List of Essential Medicines for Reproductive Health, 2006
- Public health relevance (burden of disease, life-saving conditions, medical need)
- Quality risks (formulation, stability problems, lack of regulatory standards and experience)
- Economic reasons (high volume of sales, high cost, small number of manufacturers)

The following medicines will be considered for inclusion in the prequalification project as priorities:

- Contraceptives
 1. ethinylestradiol + levonorgestrel, tablet, 30 micrograms + 150 micrograms
 2. levonorgestrel, tablet, 30 micrograms, 750 micrograms (pack of two), 1.5 mg (pack of one)
 3. medroxyprogesterone acetate (DMPA), depot injection
- Oxytocics
 4. oxytocin, injection
 5. misoprostol, vaginal tablet
- Anticonvulsant
 6. magnesium sulfate, injection
- Antifungal
 7. clotrimazole, vaginal tablet and cream

Essential antibiotics, antifungals and antibiotics used in opportunistic infections already in the WHO prequalification process:

1. azithromycin (EOI)
2. cefixime (EOI)
3. ceftriaxone, powder for injection (**2 products prequalified as of 21.03.06**)
4. ciprofloxacin, tablet (**10 products prequalified**)
5. clindamycin (EOI)
6. fluconazole, capsule (**7 products prequalified**)
7. sulfadiazine, tablet (**1 product prequalified**)
8. co-trimoxazole (**3 products prequalified**)

Prequalification of health commodities managed by UNFPA:

1. Condoms
2. IUDs