19th Expert Committee on The Selection and Use of Essential Medicines

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Expert peer review on review to update ENT medicines

Since the review has a different aim* to that of other reviews, the format given has not been used to give the comments

*The review focuses on medicines listed for ENT conditions in children to understand whether the listed medicines can be used for adults as well, as EML listing of these medicines are only for children at present.

In short, evidence on assessments of efficacy, safety, public health relevance, international guidelines, etc. are limited in this review, but concludes that the listed medicines are applicable for adults and requests an additional formulation of xylometazoline to be listed for adults

Recommendations:

1. The medicines currently listed in EML can be used in adults as well: So include them in both lists

2. Perform a detailed review of this section in adults and children for the next Expert Committee