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# NAMIBIA MEDICINES REGULATORY COUNCIL

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**To: All Healthcare Providers**

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: OFF LABEL USE/PRESCRIPTION OF MEDICINES**

## Background

The office of the Registrar of Medicines received a query from a medical doctor with regards to the use of Ivermectin in the treatment of Covid-19 infections. The doctor indicated that he had 100% success rate in treating his patients with Ivermectin. The Council hereby wishes to clarify on the use of medicines 'off-label'.



## Medicines regulation

The Namibia Medicines Regulatory Council (NMRC) is a statutory body established in terms of the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act 13 of 2003 to regulate scheduled substances including registration of medicines. Medicines are registered for approved indications and any use of a medicine outside its registered indication is considered to be 'off-label' use.

Given the above, healthcare providers are reminded that if any prescriber uses any medicine including ivermectin 'off-label,' they will be responsible for any outcome of the usage outside its registered indications.

Any persons with clinical discretions or different views must present them in writing to the Council.

Yours sincerely,

  
  
**MR JOHANNES GAESEB**  
**REGISTRAR OF MEDICINES**