



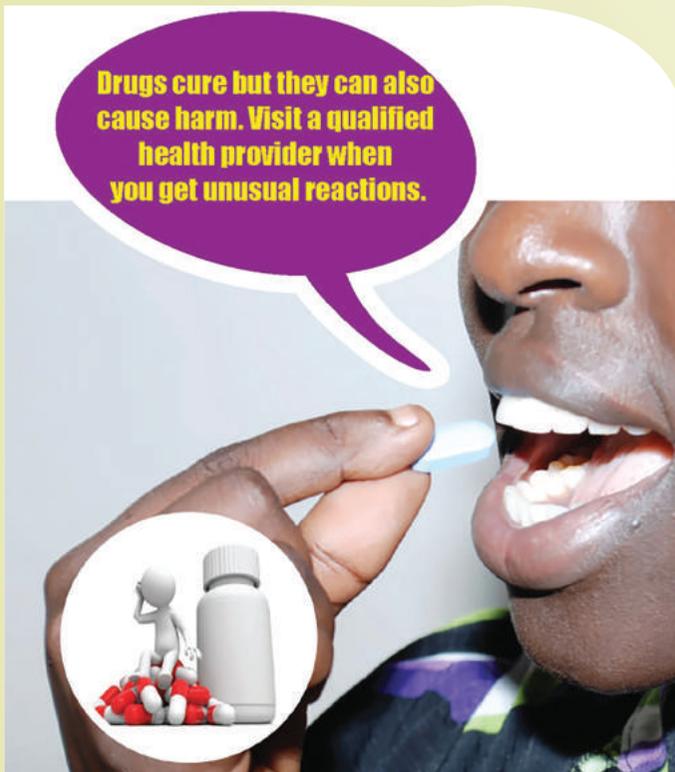
It is illegal to carry drug adverts mentioning diseases like syphilis, gonorrhoea and other disease connected with human reproductive functions.

**What NDA does not do**

- NDA does not
- (i) regulate cosmetics,
  - (ii) import drugs
  - (iii) sell nor distribute drugs to health facilities.
  - (iv) licence clinics or hospitals.

**Are veterinary medicines regulated by NDA?**

NDA regulates veterinary medicines for their quality, safety to facilitate animal health and production. Protecting the human and animal population from poor quality, unsafe and ineffective drugs is a collective responsibility.



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**BE VIGILANT ABOUT YOUR HEALTH AND THAT OF OTHERS.**

**FAQs**  
Frequently Asked Questions



**Safe Drugs Save Lives**

**What does NDA do?**

NDA is a government statutory body responsible for protecting human and animal population from poor quality, unsafe and ineffective drugs.

**What does NDA regulate?**

In general, NDA regulates: drugs (prescription and non-prescription), biologics (vaccines, blood products, cellular and gene therapy products), foods (dietary supplements and infant formulas), medical devices and equipment (e.g tongue depressors and bedpans, heart pacemakers, dental devices, surgical implants and prosthetics, x-ray equipment, laser products and ultrasonic therapy equipment) and veterinary products (including drugs, acaricides and devices).





Buy medicines only from licensed drug outlets with a publicly displayed NDA license.

**What is the difference between NDA and NMS?**  
**NDA** was established in 1993 by the National Drug Policy and Authority Statute which in 2000 became the National Drug Policy and Authority (NDP/A) Act, Cap. 206 of the Laws of Uganda. NDA is responsible for ensuring the populations access quality, safe and effective medicines.

National Medical Stores was established as a Statutory Government Corporation and is responsible for **procuring, storing and distributing essential medicines and medical supplies to all public health facilities** in the country.



Before you take medicine from outlets FIRST CHECK on the EXPIRY DATE.

Always look for the expiry date

**What or where does NDA inspect?**  
**NDA** inspects manufacturers and distributors of registered drug products to verify that they comply with relevant regulations.

Those inspected include: vaccine and drug manufacturers, pharmacies and stores/ warehouses, herbal medicine manufacturers, and other outlet in possession of medicines and medical devices.

**NDA** also inspects facilities that conduct studies in people (clinical trials), foreign manufacturing and processing sites for regulated products that are imported or exported.



Always present a Doctor's prescription note before buying drugs from a pharmacy or drug shop.

**Does National Drug Authority regulate herbal medicine?**

Yes, **NDA** regulates herbal medicines by ensuring they are safe, effective and of good quality. NDA also encourages research and development of locally produced herbal products.

**Working with NDA/Career with NDA**

**NDA** has a committed and multi-disciplinary workforce. A variety of career opportunities including internship, temporary and permanent positions with the Authority exist. More details on job openings and how to apply can be obtained from our website [www.nda.or.ug](http://www.nda.or.ug)

**Does NDA regulate radio/television advertisement on medicines?**

**NDA** is responsible for approving any media adverts on medicines to protect the public from being misled. Misleading adverts provide inadequate medical information and false advice with unfavourable consequences on the health of the public.