

**Budget 2016 : No GST On Medicines For Non-Communicable Diseases - PM Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 23 (Bernama) -- Zero-rating of all types of medicines for non-communicable diseases is among the seven measures to improve GST treatment, effective Jan 1, next year.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the improvement involved all types of controlled medicines under the Poisons List Group A, B, C, D, as well as an addition of 95 brands of over-the-counter medicines.

"Also included are medicines for 30 types of illnesses such as cancer, diabetes, hypertension and heart disease.

"This is a double increase from 4,215 to 8,630 brands of medicines," he said while presenting the Budget 2016 themed, 'Prospering the Rakyat' at the Dewan Rakyat today.

Najib who is also Finance Minister cited the second GST improvement, as zero-rating of various food items including soybean-based milk and organic-based milk for infant and children.

The prime minister further proposed as the third improvement, that the annual sales turnover threshold for registration under the GST for small-scale farmers be reduced to RM50,000 from RM100,000.

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