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VERY IMPORTANT

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Implementation of Institutional Drugs and Therapeutic committee

The following issues have been identified at the National Drugs and Therapeutic Committee meeting held in 30th July 2015.

1. Institutional DTC meetings are not held regularly in major institutions where this exercise is most relevant and of utmost importance.
2. Participation of members of the institutional DTCc needs further improvement. (Specially Consultants and Medical officers)
3. As per some institutional DTC reports, it is observed that same issues /matters have been discussed repeatedly at consequent meetings of certain institutions.
4. Certain institutions do not adhere to the given format for making minutes of the meeting and reporting the same to NDTC via MSD
5. As per the institutional DTC reports ,It is observed that very few audits on prescriptions and on the practice of Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGG) issues by Ministry of Health have been carried out by the institutions . Considering its importance in drug management , special emphasis is made on the necessity of this activity , presenting & reporting the results of same in the institutional DTC minutes.
6. It is observed that the institutional DTC discussions are centered more on non availability of drugs rather than paying more attention to discuss rational use of drugs, better management of available stocks, minimize wastage and therapeutically important matters relevant to usage.

The summary of the institutional DTC reports received by MSD are forwarded quarterly to the National Drugs and Therapeutic Committee which comprised medical professional /experts in all relevant the fields (eg: Academics, Pharmacologists and Consultant clinicians, representatives of professional colleges), to discuss the major issues and to formulate national policies on drug management & other therapeutic aspects.

Above issues have been identified as barriers in achieving the optimum expected outcomes of conducting DTCC and NDTCC.

Please take immediate actions to rectify above deficiencies in DTC function at the institution/ institutions under your purview and send your monthly (Minutes of the previous month in the 1st week of the following month) DTC reports regulary in the given format to Medical Supplies Division.

Your innovative suggestions will be greatly appreciated, and I firmly believe it would help improve patient care services, through proper drug management and therapeutic application of drugs on which huge amount of government funds & resources have been utilized.



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Decisions taken at the Second Quarter National Drugs and Therapeutic Committee (NDTC) meeting

It is observed that non formulary new items are purchased by medical institutions based on requests by individual consultants preferences against accepted standard items/ practices in use, contravening the relevant circular instructions (circular No.s 02-30/2003 , 02-132/2013 & 02-133/2013 of secretary / Ministry of Health)

These unexpected demands of items complicates the procurement, leading to wastage of funds and as well as leading to unequal treatment at different Government Medical Institutions, in serving the patients.

Therefore decision has been taken to make it mandatory to obtain prior approval of NDTC to request/ purchase a new item (non formulary or named patient basis) , not used before at the institution.

Such approval can be obtained by forwarding the details with justification to NDTC via institutional DTC only when available formulary items cannot be used as effective alternative or substitute.

Approval for purchase of such items will be granted after considering all relevant feasibility aspects, including cost-benefit is considered by the representatives of the relevant professional colleges, academics and administration in the NDTC

Please take immediate actions to implement the above decision and communicate the same to all relevant officers in your institution / institutions under your purview.

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