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Health & family Welfare Department
Swasthya Bhawan, Block GN-29, Sector V
Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 91

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To

The Principal, Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata / Murshidabad Medical College and Hospital
The Chief Medical officer of Health (All District and Health District, West Bengal)
The Superintendents (All Covid Hospitals, West Bengal)
The Director / CEO / Medical superintendent (All Private COVID Hospitals, West Bengal)

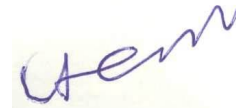
Sub: Advisory on Case Management for COVID – 19 Patients

The experts from the Protocol Monitoring Team as deputed by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal visited some COVID hospitals and noted certain lacunae in practice which need urgent rectification. On the basis of their observations, following recommendations are made:

1. Institutions which are treating both covid and non-covid patients, are required to admit and treat patients with proper segregation at emergency and dedicated ward/ ICU for Covid positive cases is necessary.
 2. Institution should have own hospital antibiogram to assess the antimicrobial susceptibility and to decide empirical antimicrobial therapy as commensal or bacterial flora may change from one place to another.
 3. A medical board consisting of pulmonologist, critical care specialist, cardiologist, endocrinologist and nephrologist should be made available to decide and modify treatment policy in complicated cases. They may visit the patient physically or through telemedicine.
 4. Patient party counseling on daily basis should be done. Patient's condition must be updated to the party to reduce concern. Arrangement of video calling between patient and relatives may be done with the help of authority.
 5. NIV and HFNO should be tried in severe cases which may prevent the need for intubation or invasive ventilation. Awake prone ventilation should be practiced judiciously to improve oxygenation.
- These recommendations, if properly practiced, will improve patient outcome. During subsequent visits teams will specifically check if these suggestions have been implemented.



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1. The Mission Director, NHM, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of West Bengal
2. The MSVP (All Medical Colleges)
3. The DDHS (Admin), Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of West Bengal (He is requested to inform the Clinical establishments).
4. DDHS (PH), Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of West Bengal
5. The Dy Chief Medical Officer of Health – II (All Districts and Health Districts)
6. The Senior PA to the Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of West Bengal
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