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Extension of National Eye Bank services to all Teaching and District General Hospitals

As per the General Circular Letter No. 02 – 43/ 2011 on “Obtaining Corneas and Blood samples for the purpose of Corneal Transplantation from cadavers”, National Eye Bank (NEB) was authorized to function in the National Hospital of Sri Lanka (NHSL), Colombo South Teaching Hospital, and Colombo North Teaching Hospital.

With the increasing demand for corneal tissues, NEB has requested to extend its services to all Teaching Hospitals, and all District General Hospitals in the country.

Considering the importance of the service provided by the NEB to the country, you are hereby instructed to permit the staff of the NEB to harvest viable corneal tissues for Transplantation, and obtain necessary blood samples for testing for communicable diseases from cadaveric donors, upon obtaining the consent.

You are also requested to inform the relevant ward staff to comply with the following instructions in order to assist the above activity:

1. After the confirmation of death of a person, the in-charge nurse of the ward should inform of such a death to National Eye Bank within a period of 2 hours.
2. Whenever possible in-charge nurse of the ward should facilitate the coordination between the next of kin of the deceased and the staff of National Eye Bank.
3. Provide basic information if so required by the National Eye Bank staff with regard to the clinical history of the deceased.
4. Assist in maintain sterility of the harvesting procedure.
5. Provide an additional room if available for procedure.


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