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Hospital Response to Evolving COVID-19 Status in the Country

This is in addition to the letter sent on 8th October 2020 on the above subject.

While acknowledging the immense efforts of yourself and the hospital staff so far in the management of COVID-19 at hospital level, I would like to bring to your attention that there is an urgent need to strictly adhere to preventive guidelines previously issued by Ministry of Health. You are kindly requested to guide, motivate and supervise your staff with a focus to provide maximum standard patient care.

Please be kind enough to give attention on following areas;

1. Availability of Direction Board at the Entrance
2. Availability of a Hand Washing Area
3. Availability of a Triage Area for suspected COVID-19 patients
4. Maintenance of Social Distancing at the OPD
5. Availability of a Fever Corner at the OPD
6. Availability of Functioning Isolation Unit and Respiratory Ward (unit for patients with minor respiratory symptoms)
7. Availability of emergency care services
8. Adherence to Social Distancing among the Staff
9. Safety precautions for hospital staff
10. Availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and reduce unnecessarily wastage of PPE

The patients will be registered and assessed based on provided criteria at all hospitals in a predetermined triage areas. And other standard precautionary procedures for COVID-19 should be followed when handling these patients.

In addition to this please refer the provisional clinical practical guidelines on COVID-19 suspected and confirmed patients issued by the Epidemiology Unit at;

'https://www.epid.gov.lk/web/images/pdf/Circulars/Corona_virus/covid-19_cpg_version_5.pdf'

Position of patients fulfilling COVID-19 case definitions


All patients fulfilling the COVID-19 case definition should be directed to an intermediate/ isolation ward following initial management (or resuscitation if needed) and PCR testing should be arranged to exclude COVID-19 immediately.

Staff training could be arranged with relevant training material which are available in Ministry of Health website with following links;

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fECnKWcLUqsgXnIUvdOEND3jTGkvORYa?usp=sharing>

<http://shorturl.at/ablsz>

Also requested to facilitate treatment centres/ isolations centres established in nearby Divisional hospitals if any. -


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