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All Provincial Secretaries of Health,
All Provincial/Regional Directors of Health Services,
All Directors of Teaching Hospitals,
All Heads of Specialized Campaigns,
Medical Superintendents of Provincial Hospitals &
District Medical Officers of Base Hospitals.

REVISED PROTOCOL FOR ANTI RABIES POST EXPOSURE THERAPY

Herewith I am annexing the revised protocol for Anti Rabies Post Exposure Therapy (PET) which would help the Medical Officers to upgrade their knowledge on correct management of dog bite victims. This protocol is based on Rabies Vaccines: WHO position paper No.32, August 2010 in the WHO Weekly Epidemiological Record and WHO Expert Consultation on Rabies, second report, WHO Technical Report Series, 982, 2013.

It would be essential to circulate this among all the Consultants and Medical Officers. These guidelines will help to update the knowledge on correct management of rabies PET and would also prevent wastage of anti-rabies serum and vaccines in the government hospitals.

It would be the responsibility of the Heads of Institutions to ensure the usage of the serum and vaccines strictly according to the protocol so the treatment will be uniform island wide.

Please bring the contents of this circular to all prescribers in your Province/Region and Institutions.



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