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HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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From,

Shalini Pandit, IAS  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

To,

All Directors of Health & FW Department  
All Superintendents of Government Medical Colleges and Hospitals  
All Superintendents of Private Medical Colleges and Hospitals  
All CDM & PHOs

Sub: Mandatory practice to write indication while prescribing anti-microbials.

Madam / Sir,

This has the reference to the letter No-18025, dated-01.01.2024 of the Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India regarding the mandatory practice to write indication while prescribing anti-microbials. **(Copy enclosed)**

I am to say that as reported, Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) puts many of the gains of modern Medicine at risk and threatens the effective prevention and treatment of infections caused by resistant microbes, resulting in prolonged illness and greater risk of death. Treatment failures also lead to longer periods of infectivity and prohibitive high cost of the second-line drugs may result in failure to treat these disease in many individuals. Misuse and overuse of anti-microbials is one of the main drivers in the emergence of drug-resistant pathogens. With few new antibiotics in the Research & Development pipeline. prudent antibiotic use is the only option to delay the development of resistance.

It is pertinent to mention that the doctors at Medical Colleges and peripheral Health Institutions set example of judicious use of anti-microbials for the next generation of doctors who will face this crisis in a much more severe form. While pharmacists are being reminded to implement the schedule-II and III of the Drugs and Cosmetic Rules and sell antibiotics only on valid prescriptions, it is important that all doctors have to mention the exact indication on their prescriptions while prescribing anti-microbials.

You are, therefore, requested to circulate the above letter of DGHS, GoI to all doctors working in the Medical Colleges (both Govt. & private) and peripheral Health Institutions with an instruction to strictly follow the above guidelines of Government of India and to mandatorily mention exact indication / reason / justification while prescribing anti-microbials for interest of the public.

Yours faithfully

  
24/01/24

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

Memo No- 1851 dated 24.01.2024

Copy forwarded to the Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India for information and necessary action.

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Joint Secretary to Government



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No. Z. 18025/27.1/2023-AMR  
1<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Subject: Mandatory practice to write indication while prescribing anti-microbials

Dear All Colleagues & Friends,

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is one of the top global public health threats facing humanity. It is estimated that bacterial AMR was directly responsible for 1.27 million global deaths in 2019 and 4.95 million deaths were associated with drug resistant infections. AMR puts many of the gains of modern medicine at risk. It threatens the effective prevention and treatment of infections caused by resistant microbes, resulting in prolonged illness and greater risk of death. Treatment failures also lead to longer periods of infectivity and prohibitive high cost of the second-line drugs may result in failure to treat these diseases in many individuals.

Misuse and overuse of anti-microbials is one of the main drivers in the emergence of drug-resistant pathogens. With few new antibiotics in the Research & Development pipeline, prudent antibiotic use is the only option to delay the development of resistance.

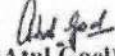
The medical colleges not just provide tertiary health care in the country but also are hubs for education of the younger generation of doctors. This makes it important that the doctors at medical colleges set example of judicious use of anti-microbials for the next generation of doctors who will face this crisis in a much more severe form.

While pharmacists are being reminded to implement the schedule H and H1 of the Drugs and Cosmetic Rules and sell antibiotics only on valid prescriptions, it is important that doctors mention exact indication on their prescriptions while prescribing antimicrobials.

It is an urgent appeal to all doctors in medical colleges to mandatorily mention exact indication/reason/justification while prescribing antimicrobials.

Looking forward to your support to promote judicious use of antimicrobials to reduce emergence of AMR.

With warm regards, & best wishes for a healthy new year.

Yours truly,  
  
(Atul Goel)

To,

All doctors of medical colleges in India