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Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department – starting of Obstetric Rapid Response Teams in each of the delivery centres in Kerala- sanctioned - Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (FW) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1205/2019/H&FWD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 22/05/2019

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Note No. 124/ACS/2019/H&FWD, dated 08.05.2019 from the Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Kerala

1. Government of Kerala is committed to reduce Maternal Mortality Rate in the State to less than 30 by 2020. Preventing avoidable mortality in all obstetric cases is a necessary condition to achieve this. To manage this constitution of an Obstetric Rapid Response Team (ORR Team) in every hospital, government and private, where deliveries are conducted is seen essential. Since obstetric emergencies are unpredictable, to provide appropriate and prompt care, teams with trained personnel should be available round the clock, in the same building where the emergency occurs, if such a team come into realize.

2. In the above circumstances Government are pleased to accord permission to constitute Obstetric Rapid Response Team (ORR Team) in every hospital as per the conditions laid down.

i) In a typical obstetric emergency/scenario the Rapid Response Team must have the capacity to manage the common obstetric emergencies like the following;

- PPH leading to collapse
- Hypertensive emergencies like ecapsia
- Amniotic fluid embolism
- Anaphylaxis to drugs
- shoulder dystocia

- Asphyxiated newborn

ii) The ORR Team must:

a .Identify the problem that led to the emergency and arrest its further deterioration.

- b.Get vascular access at the earliest

c. Identify the degree of support required, and depending on the status, give appropriate care.

- d. Take other steps depending on the situation.

- iii) The ORR Team has to be available in all categories of hospitals where obstetric services are provided. The team does not require new staff to be appointed. Existing staff will be trained and motivated to function as the ORR Team. The team should have at least one obstetrician and have the essential equipment as prescribed. Preferably there should be one doctor trained in critical care/ anesthesiology/ emergency medicine. However this is not mandatory. Since at least a few medically trained members of the team must be available in the hospital round the clock to deal with any emergencies, staff nurses have to be the main members of the team. Trained nurses should be available in each shift.

3.The project will be jointly implemented by the Government of Kerala, NHM,IMA Kerala State Branch and Kerala Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology .

4.The team will develop the training module and provide the trainers. At least one training centre will be established in each district with support from NHM. This will be in government or private hospitals who have the willingness and capacity to organise

the sessions. Depending on the availability of funds NHM will prepare a proposal to support every year including NHM funds, sponsorship from Corporate Social Responsibility of institutions or fees.

5.The project shall be overseen by a Project Management Committee. NHM will forward, in consultation with the directorates of Health services, Medical Education, IMA-KSB and KFOG, proposals for the structure of the Committee. The committee shall develop the action plans, oversee training, arrange for technical support to hospitals to arrange the needed facilities, build capacity of team members, coordinate with hospital managements to depute all members of the ORR team to participate in the training and monitor the functioning of the committee. Work of the ORR teams will be reviewed in the District Maternal Death and Near Miss Review meeting.

- 6.The onus will be on the hospital management/ administration to ensure that the ORR Team is provided with necessary equipments and gets periodic updating and training. The administration should adjust the duty rota in such a way that at least one member of the team of ORR trained nurses is available in the hospital round the clock.

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- 7. The direction will be applicable to both Government and private hospitals.
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(By order of the Governor)
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