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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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FOR : All Regional Directors, Chief of Hospitals/ Medical Centers/ Sanitaria, Regional Blood Program Coordinators, Blood Bank Heads, Lead Blood Service Facilities, Provincial Health Officers, Philippine Red Cross Officials; and Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Designation of Lead Blood Service Facilities

Cognizant of the thrust of the Department of Health in Universal Health Care, the National Voluntary Blood Services Program (NVBSP) has set new policy direction to achieve its goal of a nationally coordinated and efficient blood services network founded on voluntary blood donation that will ensure safe, adequate, timely, accessible, and equitable supply, and rational use of blood. Thus, the NVBSP Management Committee has agreed to strengthen the Blood Services Network and therefore approved the following modifications:

1. Blood Centers (BC) and Hospital Blood Bank (HBB) that are authorized to collect, test, and process blood may be designated as Lead Blood Service Facility (BSF) in a region or zone. The Lead Blood Service Facility shall supply blood to other hospitals.
2. The Blood Services Network (BSN) may include the Lead Blood Service Facility, Philippine Red Cross, and Local Government Unit (LGU) Blood Center, other hospital based and non-hospital based BSFs regardless of ownership, and other hospitals, and dialysis clinics.
3. The Regional Blood Services Network shall include all Zonal Blood Services Networks being led by the Lead Blood Service Facility. Facilities from other regions shall participate in its inter-regional network.
4. Responsibilities for collection, testing, and processing of blood will be shared by the Lead Blood Service Facility with other Blood Service Facilities in the defined service area. The specific responsibilities shall be clarified at network meetings.

Lead Blood Service Facilities were designated using the following criteria:

1. It may be Hospital based or Non-Hospital based.
2. Largest collection, testing, processing, and distribution of blood within the zonal catchment areas.

3. Serves blood supply in hospitals in zone.
4. Another Lead Blood Service Facility will be designated:
 - a. When there are facilities beyond four (4) hours travel from the Lead Blood Service Facility
 - b. For large island provinces
 - c. For armed conflict areas
5. Registered and with Excellent or Very Satisfactory performance in National External Quality Assurance Scheme (NEQAS) in Research Institute for Tropical Medicine Transfusion Transmissible Infection-National Reference Laboratory (RITM TTI-NRL)

Furthermore, Designated Lead Blood Service Facilities will have the following functions:

I. Internal

1. Advocacy, Donor Recruitment, Retention and Care
2. Donor Screening and Pre- and Post-Donation Counselling
3. Collection: In-house and Mobile Blood Collection (organized with LGUs, offices, schools, churches, etc.)
4. Testing and Processing Units of Blood
 - a. Administrative and Technical Procedures
5. Distribution of Blood and Blood products to Hospitals and other Health Facilities
 - a. Administrative procedures for Distribution, Issuance, and Transport
 - b. Administrative Procedure for Rejection and Return of Blood Products
 - c. Cold Chain Management/ Transport Service
 - d. Training of HBB/ Lab Staff on Blood Stock Inventory
 - e. Medical Specialist to liaise with HBB/ Lab (Pathologist)
 - f. All hospitals and end users obtain blood needed and ensure no wastage
6. Quality Assurance Program
 - a. Quality assurance of blood and blood products
NVBSP Manual of Standards for BSFs
7. Monitoring rational and efficient use of Blood Products
 - a. Medical Specialist to liaise with HBB and Hospital Blood Transfusion Committee (HBTC) (preferably Hematologist or Pathologist)
 - b. Medical Specialist to participate in Regional/ Zonal Blood Services Network Meetings
 - c. Training of Hospital medical Staff in the Rational Use of Blood through HBTC
 - d. Monitoring of utilization of Blood products through transfusion audits documented in HBTC Reports

8. Financial Management - Management of Income and Expenses for Operation by Lead BSF
 - a. Collection of Blood Service Fees
 - b. Procurement of reagents for testing and equipment for processing and storage
 - c. Utilization Report of Trust Fund
 - d. Preparation of procedure for monthly collection from Blood Service Facilities
 - e. Preparation of monthly billing statement
 - f. Record keeping of financial transactions
 - g. Preparations of Monthly and Annual Financial Report
 - h. Review of Financial Performance

9. Submission of Reports to Regional Offices and NVBSP
 - a. Monthly NVBSP Blood Monitoring Report to be submitted quarterly
 - b. Blood Safety Indicator (BSI) Report to be submitted annually
 - c. Hospital Blood Transfusion Committee (HBTC) Report including Transfusion Audits and Hemovigilance if applicable

II. External

1. Regional Blood Program Coordination
 - a. Public education Campaign through Local Blood Council
 - b. Coordinate with Local Government Unit (LGU), and Local Health Services (LHS) - Provincial, City, Municipal, and Barangay Blood Program Coordinators
 - c. Lead its Zonal Blood Services Network Meetings and Participate in Regional Blood Services Network Meetings
 - d. Train Donor Recruitment Officers (DROs)
 - e. Train Donor Interviewers, and Phlebotomists (MBD Teams)
 - f. Procure blood bags, and other supplies for Mobile Blood Donation (MBD)
 - g. Conduct Mobile Blood Donation Sessions
 - h. Supervise Blood Collection Units (BCUs) and MBD Teams
 - i. Shall conduct Quality Assurance Monitoring of any Blood Service Facility within its zone

Upon thorough assessment and deliberation, the following listed Blood Service Facilities have been updated, and are now designated as Lead Blood Service Facility in their respective regions:

Region I

Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital and Medical Center
Batac, Ilocos Norte

Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center
San Fernando City, La Union

Region I Medical Center
Arellano St., Dagupan City, Pangasinan

Region II

Cagayan Valley Medical Center
Carig Sur, Tuguegarao, Cagayan

Veterans Regional Hospital
Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya

Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)

Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center
BGHMC Compound, Baguio City

Inter-Regional Networking:
To be partly supplied by Regions I, and II

Region III

Dr. Paulino J. Garcia Memorial Research and Medical Center
Mabini St., Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija

Jose B. Lingad Memorial Regional Hospital
Brgy. Dolores, San Fernando City, Pampanga

Bulacan Provincial Blood Center
Mojon, Malolos, Bulacan

James L. Gordon Memorial Hospital
Rizal Avenue Extension, New Asinan, Olongapo

National Capital Region (NCR)

Philippine Blood Center
Lung Center Compound, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City

Philippine Red Cross – National Blood Center (Manila)
Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila

Philippine Red Cross – National Blood Center (Tower)
37 EDSA corner Boni Avenue, Mandaluyong City

Region IV-A

Batangas Medical Center
Kumintang Ibaba, Batangas City

Philippine Red Cross – Laguna Chapter

J. de Leon St. Corner P. Guevarra Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Laguna

Quezon Medical Center

Quezon Avenue, Lucena, Quezon

Inter-Regional Networking:

Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center

Sto. Niño, Marikina

Region IV-B

Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital

Brgy. Sta. Isabel, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro

Inter-Regional Networking:

To be partly supplied by National Capital Region (NCR)

Region V

Bicol Medical Center

Naga City, Camarines Sur

Bicol Regional Blood Center

Brgy. Sagpon, Daraga, Albay

Region VI

Philippine Red Cross – Western Visayas Regional Blood Center

Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City

Philippine Red Cross – Capiz Chapter

Roxas City, Capiz

Region VII

Region VII Blood Center/Sub-National Blood Center for Visayas

B. Rodriguez St., Cebu City

Gov. Celestino Gallares Memorial Medical Center

Tagbilaran City, Bohol

Region VIII

Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center

R. Magsaysay Blvd., Tacloban City, Leyte

Philippine Red Cross – Ormoc City Chapter

507 Doña Feliza Mejia, Ormoc City, Leyte

Northern Samar Provincial Hospital
Catarman, Northern Samar

Region IX

Philippine Red Cross – Zamboanga City Chapter
Rizal St., Zamboanga City

Philippine Red Cross – Zamboanga del Sur Chapter
Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur

Region X

Mayor Hilarion A. Ramiro Sr. Medical Center
Ozamiz City, Misamis Occidental

Northern Mindanao Medical Center
Capitol Rd., Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental

Philippine Red Cross – Mindanao Regional Blood Center
Capitol Compound, Cagayan de Oro City

Bukidnon Provincial Medical Center
Malaybalay City, Bukidnon

Misamis Occidental Provincial Hospital
Independence St., Lamac Lower, Oroquieta City, Misamis Occidental

Region XI

Davao Blood Center/ Sub-National Blood Center for Mindanao
J.P Laurel Avenue, Bajada, Davao City

Davao Regional Medical Center
Apokon, Tagum City, Davao del Norte

Region XII

Cotabato Regional Medical Center
Sinsuat Avenue, Cotabato City, north Cotabato

Kidapawan City Blood Center
Kidapawan, North Cotabato

Philippine Red Cross – General Santos City Chapter
City Hall Compound, General Santos City, South Cotabato

Region XIII (CARAGA)

CARAGA Regional Hospital

Roxas St., Surigao City, Surigao del Norte

Philippine Red Cross – Agusan del Norte Chapter

Capitol Site, Butuan City, Agusan del Norte

Adela Serra Ty Memorial Medical Center

Capitol Hills, Telaje, Tandag City, Surigao del Sur

Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM)

Inter-Regional Networking:

To be partly supplied by Regions IX, X, and XII

Negros Island Region (NIR)


Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital

Lacson St., Bacolod City, Negros Occidental

Negros First Provincial Blood Center

Abad Santos St., Bacolod, Negros Occidental

For information and compliance.


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