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NO. 01-12 /PA/DGHS
DIRECTORATE GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES
PUNJAB LAHORE
Dated Lahore the 01-01 2013

ORDER

Reference decision taken in the meeting held on 20th July, 2012 on Health System Integration of WHO-Endorsed Technology for Management of Miscarriage and Associated OBGYN Indications, Punjab Reproductive Health Technology Assessment Committee comprising of the following is hereby notified. Terms of Reference of the Committee are attached.

1. Director General Health Services Punjab.
2. ✓ WHO Operations Officer Punjab.
3. Dean, Institute of Public Health
4. Director Health Services (P&D)
5. Programme Director, PHSRP
6. Representative from Punjab Health Care Commission
7. Provincial Coordinator MNCH Programme, Punjab
8. Provincial Coordinator LHW Programme
9. Provincial Coordinator, UNFPA, Punjab
10. MNCH Officer, UNICEF, Punjab
11. Technical Advisor, Ipas Pakistan
12. Provincial Head, Technical Resource Facility Punjab.

Chairman
Secretary


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1. Secretary to Government of the Punjab, Health Department, Lahore.
2. Special Secretary Health, Government of the Punjab
3. Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Health Care Commission, 73-B, Nisar Colony, Lahore.
4. Officers concerned.


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Punjab Reproductive Health Technology Assessment Committee (PRHTAC)

Terms of Reference

Purpose:

The mandate of the PRHTAC is to support and guide the Department of Health-Punjab in the local assessment and adoption of new and emerging technologies, in the public health care system in the province. The Committee will provide a vehicle for review and monitoring of new technologies and make recommendations to the Department of Health on their identification, prioritization, introduction and evaluation. The Committee will periodically review and assess reproductive health technology relying on scientific or evidence-based information about safety, efficacy and cost-effectiveness to inform decisions and improve the quality of RH services in Punjab based on local needs.

Membership:

The PRHTAC will be notified by the Department of Health Punjab (DoH) and will be chaired by Director-General Health (DG). Committee members will be selected on the basis of representing particular sectors of the provincial health system that are deemed essential to planning and resourcing health technology in Punjab, along with individuals with a particular clinical expertise or interest in reproductive health technology. Members are expected to collaborate and cooperate to provide a range of advice and decisions to the DG and DoH regarding reproductive health technology. Members must recuse themselves if a material conflict of interest exists related to a matter before the PRHTAC.

Role and Function:

RH Component under Consideration: Management of Uterine Evacuation

The PRHTAC will –

1. Review the revised WHO technical and policy guidance for health systems (2012) on uterine evacuation, for adaptation in Punjab.
2. Review available global, regional and national evidence for the use of manual vacuum aspiration (MVA) technology and misoprostol for the management of uterine evacuation.
3. Issue recommendations for the establishment of sub-committees to assist it effectively undertake its role, such as for review and adaptation of Provincial Standards and Guidelines on uterine evacuation.
4. Issue recommendations to the DoH for inclusion of MVA and misoprostol in the provincial essential equipment and drug lists of Punjab, as per the WHO Model Lists.
5. Make recommendations for managing logistics and supply of appropriate reproductive health technologies for uterine evacuation in the province.
6. Ensure appropriately credentialed and trained staff is in place to assist with new technology introduction for safe uterine evacuation methods.
7. Co-opt members from other thematic areas for addressing Reproductive Health Technology Assessment and incorporation as when needed.

Quorum:

The quorum of PRHTAC members will be half of all members plus one. If a quorum is not met, at the Chair's discretion, the continuation of the meeting will be confirmed. If the meeting proceeds, all decisions will be preliminary. Decisions will then proceed to a consensus out-of-session or at the following meeting. A PRHTAC decision, either in or out-of-session, requires a majority vote in favor of the resolution. Members may abstain from voting. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair has the casting vote.

Meeting Schedule:

The PRHTAC will meet up to four times per year. Sub-committee and working groups may meet more frequently. Business may be conducted out-of-session, via email or teleconference, with face-to-face meetings held, as required.

Technical Assistance and Support:

Technical assistance and administrative support for Committee meetings, preparation and any follow-up will be provided by the WHO-Punjab office, in collaboration with Ipas Pakistan.

Proposed Committee Members

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