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From:

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Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

All Collectors & DM,  
All Municipal Commissioners,  
All Dean & Principals & Superintendent of Medical Colleges,  
All CDM & PHO

**Sub: Constitution of an Expert Committee for taking the decision on the use of Tocilizumab and other new drugs for Covid patients in Covid treatment facilities.**

Sir/Madam,

It is noticed that the number of Covid cases are increasing day by day due to Covid-19 pandemic resurgence and Government is keen in providing the appropriate treatment to all such patients to reduce the mortality as well as morbidity to great extent.

There are certain drugs available for Covid patient management which have restricted availability and also there are many newer drugs coming up with uncertain efficacy. Many physicians and critical care specialists sometimes recommend such.

In view of the above, an Expert Committee is constituted to examine and assess the proposal of use of such drugs on case to case basis under the supervision of DMET.

1. Dr.Bidyut Das, Professor Rheumatology SCB MCH Cuttack. (9437275220)-Chairman

2. Dr. Jyoti Pattanaik, Professor Pulmonary Medicine, SCB MCH Cuttack. (9437063213)
3. Dr. P. K. Thatoi, Associate Professor, Medicine, SCB MCH Cuttack. (9437170150)

Responsibility of the Committee:

1. When any prescription is made for a Covid patient in a Covid facility with such newer, restricted available drug, the prescription shall come as a proposal to seek opinion regarding the judicious use of the drug. Such proposal shall be sent to the Chairman of the Committee with an intimation to DMET, Odisha, and MD OSMCL in Whatsapp.
2. The requisition must be accompanied by the documents like:
  - a. ID proof
  - b. Prescription of the treating doctor
  - c. Case sheet along with the investigations done.
3. The Committee will examine the records and certify the efficacy of the drug as well as the judiciousness use in the particular case. If considered for use, the recommendation shall be made to the MD OSMCL for the issue of the drug with intimation to the DMET Odisha by email / WhatsApp.
4. After obtaining such recommendation OSMCL will issue the drug as per the availability.

Yours faithfully,

  
30/04/2021  
Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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Copy forwarded to MD, OSMCL, all Directors of H &FW Department, Addl. DMET, Odisha cum Chairman Technical Committee for information and necessary action.

  
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Deputy Secretary to Government