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Fever in Pregnancy and Postpartum Period

Findings of Maternal Death Reviews reveal that many maternal deaths have occurred due to Pneumonias, Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever and other febrile illnesses in pregnancy. There were several deaths due to ongoing Influenza H1N1 infection reported over the last few months. Detailed analysis has found that a majority of dead women have not attended for in ward hospital care in time and this has led to fatal outcomes. They have remained at home with fever and taken treatment from first contact physicians over several days.

Considering the above information, it is recommended *to refer all pregnant and post-partum women with fever for in ward care on the Day 1 of the illness. The highest level clinician (Obstetricians or Physicians) should decide on the continuation of in ward care.* It is also essential to educate general public to seek care at a hospital on the 1st day itself of the fever.

Please instruct all related clinicians (Obstetricians, Physicians), medical officers (OPD, ETU, Obstetric Units and Medical Units), Medical Officers of Health and Public Health Midwives under your purview / in your institutions to oblige with the above national recommendation.

All RDHS should ensure that this information reach all General Practitioners (including part time GPs) practicing in each MOH area are informed about the content of this letter through area PHIs and also they adhere to this recommendation.

Thanking you,

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Fever in Pregnancy and Postpartum Period

There were more than 42 maternal deaths due to Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever, Pneumonias and other febrile illnesses in pregnancy in the year 2017. Many of them were reported during the period April - June.

The first case of maternal death due to Influenza H1N1 infection was reported last week.

Ministry of Health recommends to refer all pregnant and post-partum women with fever for inward care on the Day 1 of the illness. The highest level clinician (Obstetricians or Physicians) will decide on the continuation of inward care. The DGHS letter issued in this regard is attached.

Please instruct all related clinicians (Obstetricians, Physicians), medical officers (OPD, ETU, Obstetric Units and Medical Units), Medical Officers of Health and Public Health Midwives under your purview / in your institutions to oblige with the above national recommendation.

You are also requested to educate general public to seek care at a hospital on the 1st day itself of the fever. This could be done at antenatal clinics at both field and hospital levels.

All RDHS and MOOH should send the attached DGHS letter to all General Practitioners (including part time GPs) practicing in each MOH area.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,

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