GOVERNMENT OF NCT of DELHI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

<u>ORDER</u>

In order to streamline and systematize the distribution of Amphotericin-B injections, to prevent the indiscriminate use of this injection and to establish a transparent, efficient and time-bound system of distribution of this drug to the needy and hospitalized COVID-19 patients on clinically approved evidence-based grounds and ethical principle of distributive justice across Delhi, the competent authority has approved the constitution of a 4 member Technical Expert Committee (TEC) as follows:

- 1) Dr. M. K. Daga (Pulmonologist), as Chairman.
- 2) Dr. Manisha Aggarwal (Anesthesia Branch, MAMC)
- 3) Dr. S. Anuradha (Medicine Branch, MAMC)
- 4) Dr Ravi Mehar (ENT Branch, MAMC)
- 2. Further, the following steps are prescribed to approve the distribution/supply of Inj. Amphotericin- B to notified COVID Hospitals (Govt and Private) only for the treatment of COVID-19 patients:
- i. Application: All the COVID Hospitals requiring Injection Amphotericin- B for treatment of COVID-19 patients shall apply to the Technical Experts Committee.
- ii. The application will be the Proforma (Annexure-B) to be sent to the TEC through notified e-mail(lipoamphb@gmail.com) or physical copy. No application without filled proforma or incomplete Proforma will be entertained.
- iii. The TEC will meet atleast twice every day (preferably 10-11am in the morning and 4-5 PM in the evening) to scrutinize the applications received and facilitate rapid decision making, as time is of the essence in such cases. The meetings can be held on a virtual/digital platform. The guiding principles for TEC shall be evidence based clinically approved parameters as well as principles of equity, distributive justice and transparency.
- iv. DGHS shall coordinate with the TEC and facilitate rapid decision making and also monitor the overall management of drug from approval till delivery to the Hospital concerned.
- v. The decision of daily meetings will be conveyed to all the stakeholders through email and reasons for refusal will be written and informed to the requisitioning Hospitals. A daily summary of the decisions of the TEC and the allocation made to the hospitals shall also be displayed on the website of DGHS/Health Department.

- vi. On recommendation of the TEC, the o/o DGHS shall issue the drug to the authorized representative of the Government Hospital/institution concerned or the CFA/Stockist shall release to the authorized representative of the Private Hospital concerned (in this case, on payment basis) as the case may be.
- vii. DGHS and all the CFAs/Stockists will ensure the issuance of drug on same day to the Government and Private Hospital concerned. Respectively, All relevant records shall be maintained by o/o DGHS.
- viii The concerned Govt/Private hospital will submit report regarding usage of drug for the approved patient only.
- ix. It shall be the personal responsibility of the Hospital Administration of the institutes requisitioning **Amphotericin-B** to ensure appropriate use of prescription medicine, prevent any misuse/pilferage, coordination with health authorities and to keep proper records so that they are available for audit purpose later.
- x. The distribution of **Amphotericin- B** Injections will be made up till the stock remains as per the allocation of Government of India. No waiting list shall be made.
- xi For arrival of fresh stocks, applications will be called afresh after notifying all hospitals for arrival of stocks.
- xii. In special circumstances Pr Secretary (H&FW) may allocate injections to any Government Hospitals/ Hospitals run by Government Agencies on special recommendation by the treating doctor.

Raj Kumar Spl. Secretary, (H&FW)

To,

- 1. Director, DGHS, GNCTD
- 2. TEC Members, GNCTD through Dr. M. K. Daga
- 3. MS/Nodal Officer of all Government Hospitals, GNCTD through DGHS
- 4. MS/Nodal Officer of all Private Hospitals, GNCTD through Dr. R. N. Dass
- 5. All C&FAs/Stockiest of Amphotericin-B through Dy. Drug Contorller Copy for information:
 - 1. So to CS, GNCTD
 - 2. State Nodal Officer, GNCTD
 - 3. PS to Pr. Secretary, (H&FW), GNCTD
 - 4. Drug Controller, GNCTD

Copy for information to:

1. Secretary to Health Minister, HFW, GNCTD

Raj Kumar Spl. Secretary,(H&FW)

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Technical Expert Committee to decide about Amphotericin B (Antifungal drug)

Only a multidisciplinary team or 4 Members team consisting of physician involved in Covid patient care (to be signed by at least two) can recommend the use of Amphotericin B.

Approx. Body Weight_____

The following parameters have to be considered and recorded:

Risk Factors	Yes/No
Diabetes	
On steroids	,
On mechanical ventilation	

Condition	Yes/No
NewOnset Fever	
H/o suggestive of nasal congestion, purulent discharge,	
headache, sinus pain	
Swelling of eyes/proptosis	
Nasal ulceration or necrosis	
Decreased vision	
Cranial nerve palsies	
New onset pneumonosis with haemoptysis.	
New onset abdominal pain &hematemesis	

Investigations*	Yes/No
KOH mount hyphae seen (Y/N)	
Histopathology	
Sinus Endoscopy	
CT/MRI	
Culture/MALDI - TOF	
PCR	

^{*}Attach report of any one of the above investigations.

This is certified that Mr/Ms/MrsS/O/D/O/W/OS/O/D/O/W/O				
Agedpresently admitted in Institution/Hospital (name)				
Hospital admission ID NoDOA(DD/MM/YYYY)				
is suffering from Covid – 19 and having fungal infection and require Amphotericin B (Dose)				
Treating Hospital contact person:				
Name	Contact No.	Email		
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Intensivist/Physician/ Respiratory Physician/ENT Specialist				
Place:		Date:		