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## **GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

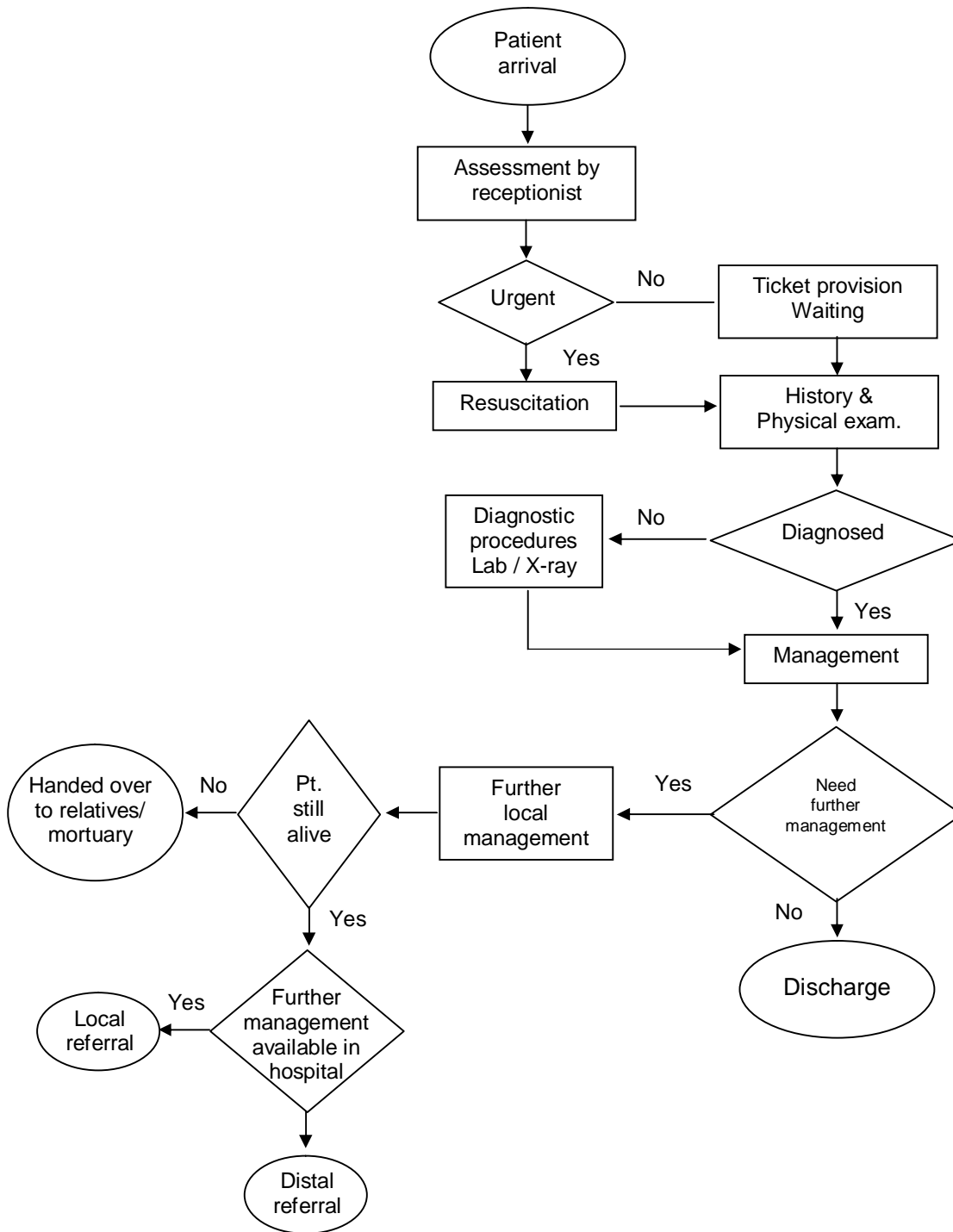
Standards are an important part of health care and have taken a new prominence in the trend to address quality of care issues. Standards are statements of expectations for input, process, behaviors and outcomes of health systems. Simply, standards tell us what we expect to happen in our quest for high quality of health services. Standards are important because they are the vehicle by which the organization translates quality into operational terms and holds every one in the system (Patient, care providers, support personnel, management) accountable for their part. Standards also allow the organization to measure its level of quality. Standards, indicators and thresholds are the elements that make a quality assurance system work in measurable objective and qualitative manner. Standards may be expressed as practice guideline or clinical protocol i.e. How clinical procedures of diseases are carried out. Standards may also be expressed as administrative procedure or standard operating procedure. Not only that, standards are also expressed as performance standards which include the specific criteria used to measure the outcome of service delivery and activities that support it. In every process there is a certain amount of variation and this is obvious. To keep the variation within limits of control, standards should be used. The variation of medical care should not be standardized completely. Treatment plans and other aspects of care need to be tailored to each patient's specific requirements. However, quality of care can be improved by elimination or minimizing unnecessary variation in the way that care is provided.

# **EMERGENCY**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Emergency department of hospitals is often the point of major public interest and is the most vulnerable to criticism. The reputation of a hospital rests to a very large measure on two important factors, i.e. the emergency & OPD. The sudden and unexpected nature of the emergency produces panic and psychological disturbance of relatives which must be appreciated and born in mind in organization and management of services. Emergency department is primarily meant for the immediate medical attention and resuscitation of seriously ill patients. They should have priority over, less serious patients. All patients attending the emergency are to be registered after a quick preliminary assessment of the severity and urgency of their ailment by the Medical Officer on duty. This is particularly an important point; clerical work involving registration, etc. should never take priority over the urgent attention to the acutely ill patient. All particulars as per the standard format should be recorded in the emergency register. The emergency ticket should be clearly filled up for name, age, sex, date, time, emergency registration number and clinical diagnosis clearly. A summary of all the relevant clinical findings along with the medical aid given, consultations and the progress of the patient is to be noted down on the emergency register (register should contain clear description of treatment details) by the attending doctor(s) before he/she is admitted or discharged or referred to secondary or tertiary hospital. The original emergency ticket is handed over to the patient.

# PATIENT FLOW CHART IN EMERGENCY SERVICES AT DISTRICT LEVEL HOSPITALS



## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AT DISTRICT HOSPITAL

	Activities	Time Limit	Responsible Persons	Alternate Person	Compliance rate
GENERAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste basket in Reception and waiting area</li> <li>• Sputum box</li> <li>• Toilet facility</li> <li>• Safe drinking water</li> <li>• sign posting &amp; display</li> </ul>	Before intervention	On duty SSN	RMO	⊕
STEP : 1 [Management of the patient should take precedence above everything]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reception and waiting facility and room</li> <li>• Registration</li> <li>• Ticket will be Provided to patient</li> <li>• Ticket will be marked by a separate colour or by emergency seal</li> <li>• Call the M.O. on duty</li> </ul>	Within-10 Min	On duty SSN / Medical Assistant / Pharmacist	Other Medical Assistant	⊕
STEP : 2	•				
	<u>Resuscitation Examination Diagnosis &amp; Treatment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resuscitation</li> <li>• History taking (Present, past, families)</li> <li>• Examination</li> <li>• Emergency blood for MP ( If necessary)</li> <li>• Urine for Albumin, Sugar, ECG ( If necessary)</li> <li>• X-ray if any</li> <li>• Clinical Diagnosis</li> <li>• Treatment &amp; advice</li> </ul>	Immediately  1 hour	MO/Consult ant MA Medical Technologist (on call)	Other MO	⊕
STEP : 3	<u>Further treatment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor Injury : Send the patient into OT for repair</li> <li>• when patient requires plaster send the patient to plaster room / OT</li> <li>• Labour case to labour room</li> <li>• IPD</li> <li>• Referred to secondary or tertiary hospital</li> <li>• Discharge / Follow-up</li> </ul>	2 Hours	Doctor on duty	Other Doctor	⊕

⊕ Compliance rate :

Quality of Care will be measure by Compliance rate : The rate is

Excellent : 91 – 100%, Very Good : 79 – 90% Good : 50 – 75%, Bad : < 50%

## LIST OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND MEDICINES FOR EMERGENCY.

Name of equipment	Name of drugs and supplies
Patient table	Autoclave
Stethoscope & BP instrument	Naso-gastric tube
Thermometer	Patient trolley & stretcher
Glucometer	Screen & stand
Tongue depressor	Inj. Antispasmodic
Auroscope	Injection Mg. Sulphate (For Eclampsia)
Tape measure	Injection Gardenal Sodium
Weighing machine	Injection Hydrocortisone
Height scale	Injection Diazepam
Torch light	Injection Antihistamine
Oxygen cylinder with Flow meter	Injection Pathedine
IV infusion stand and set	Injection Atropine
Suturing materials	Injection Aminophylline
Canola	Injection Frusemide
Tourniquet	Injection Quinine (on demand)
Disposable syringe and needles	Injection Dexamethasone
Gloves	Injection Lignocaine (2%)
Sterile gauze, bandage, micropore , plaster, splint etc	Inj. Ergometrin
Sterilizer	Injection Amoxycillin
Emergency trolley (with minor surgical sets)	Antiseptic liquid
Emergency generator (Alternate Power supply)	Lignocaine jelly (for catheterization)
Suction machine	Cap. Amoxycillin
Nebuliser	Tab. Paracetamol
ECG	Tab. Tri-nitglycerine , Tab. Aspirin, Nifecap
Stomach tube	IV fluids , Cholera fluids , DNS, DA
	ORS, Glucose

## **Working Procedure of Emergency Services At District Hospital**

### **Patients requiring ambulatory care**

Patients needing only ambulatory care should be given necessary first aid treatment and sent home with appropriate advice written on the emergency ticket. If they are referred to any OPD, the days, timing and location must be properly explained to patients and written down on emergency ticket.

### **Patients requiring short term observation**

Patient requiring close observation to determine the further line of management are to be admitted in IPD.

### **Patient requiring hospitalization from emergency**

Only the seriously ill patients and the patient who cannot wait for the regular OPD clinic should be admitted in the hospital.

### **Transfer of patients to other hospital**

It is possible that due to non-availability of beds because of nature of the medical problem requiring specialist care, the patient may be transferred to the concerned hospital. In all such cases, it must be ensured that proper first aid has been given and the reason for transfer is explained to the patient and relatives. Efficient ambulance service is essential for the quick transfer of patient.

### **Emergency staff and administration**

The staff posted in the emergency will work on shift basis. At the beginning of every shift, the doctor and other staff must check and ensure that the equipment are in working order. He/She should also know that emergency drugs are in adequate supply.

#### **Reminders for RMO / Superintendent**

**Please.....**

- Please Display up-to-date organogram
- Display other information charts, i.e. schedules, general and visitor's policy, activity reports, etc. for guidance and transparency.
- Schedule routine daily and weekly activities at fixed time
- Monitor and supervise staff performance, cleanliness, equipment maintenance and use of resource as per checklists.
- Maintain staff morale, punctuality, interpersonal relationship, quest for sound professional knowledge & practice and good behavior to patients and relatives.
- Maintain records properly
- Apply mechanism to receive feedback about user's feelings and complaints.
- Hold regular co-ordination meeting each week. Keep minutes and ensure follow up.
- Send report to Hospital Director, (DGHS) & HCQA Project at 6th day each month as per specific Report Form.

## **General administration of emergency room**

MO on duty will be responsible for the clinical management of the patient in the emergency room. The general administration and control of other staff, cleanliness, equipment maintenance, etc. will be looked after by the Resident Medical officer. He will be responsible for the overall management of the emergency room.

## **General conduct and behavior of the emergency staff**

When a relative comes to the emergency room with a seriously ill patient, he/she is emotionally upset and slightest apparent delay/ misdemeanors may trigger off a violent reaction. All the staff are therefore required to be tolerant and should extend due courtesy and sympathy to them.



# OPD SERVICES

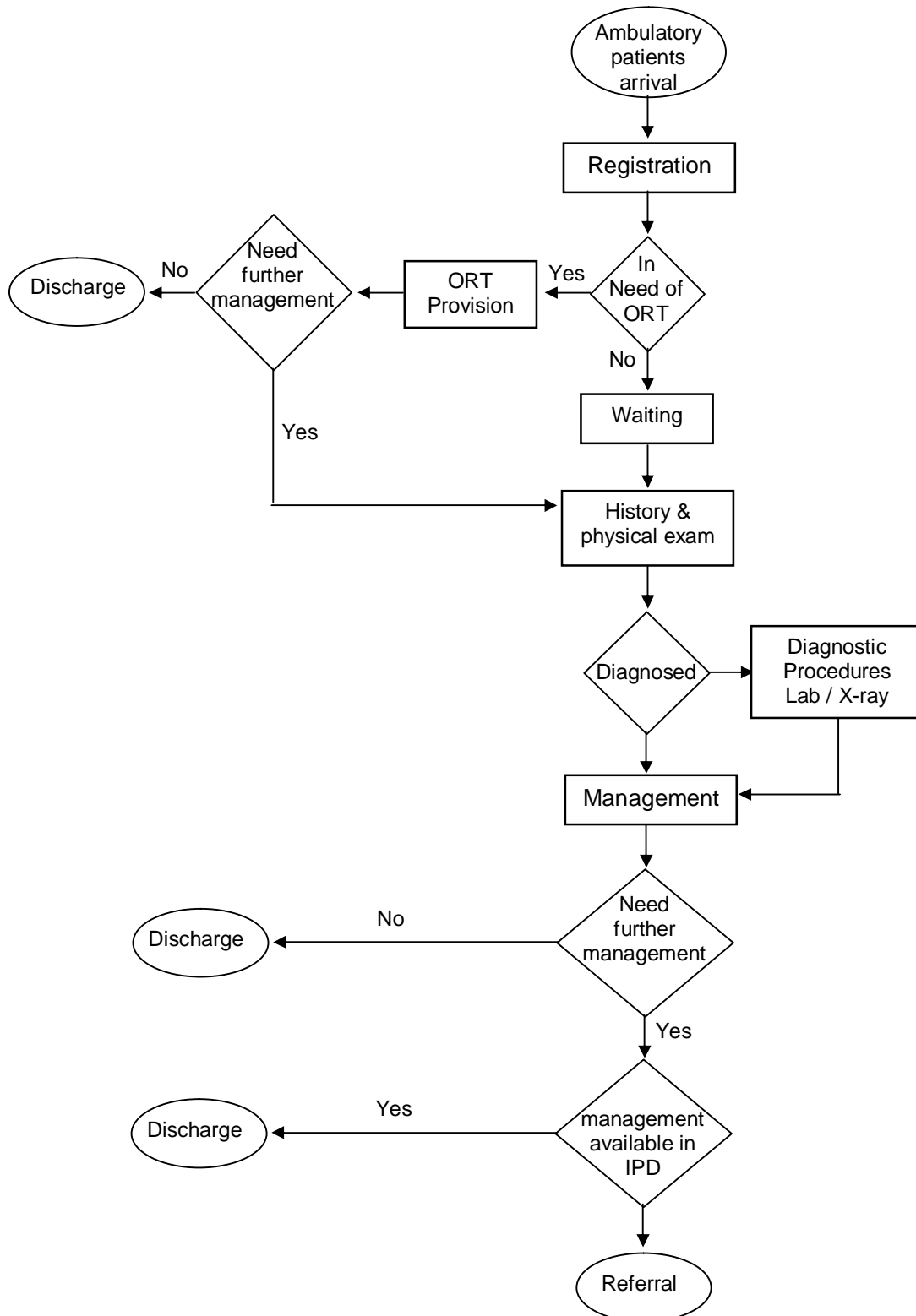
## Introduction:

Out patient departments (OPD) provide Medicare services to the ambulatory patients. Acute and seriously ill patients must not be referred to the OPD. Majority of the patients received services from the OPD. So it is of maximum importance to serve the people with highest possible quality services to fulfill their need and reduce their sufferings. Efficient OPD service can greatly reduce the burden to the other sections of the hospital services. Out patient services are rendered through the Male/Female/Children/Dental & Family planning out patient departments.

As majority of the people come in contact with the OPD services of the hospitals so it is the area of importance to satisfy and address the people demand accordingly and in an effective way.

Rural peoples come to the Government Hospitals with high expectations and in many situations it was observed that peoples expectations superset the real situation which gives raise to many problems and often confrontation with the service providers. So the mentioning of standard operating procedure with setting up of norms and standards for the GPO will be helpful for both the clients and service providers to be realistic. It will also help the supervisors to measure their institutional service standards.

# PATINET FLOW CHART IN OPD SERVICES AT DISRTICT LEVEL HOSPITALS



**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) OF  
OPD  
AT DISTRICT HOSPITAL**

	Activities	Time/No	Responsible Persons	Alternate Responsible Person	Compliance rate
GENERAL	a) Display time table of hospital hours, sign posting & Display around registration desk.	Before intervention	Superintendent and QI facilitator	RMO	*
	b) Registration counter remain closed--	1.00 PM	Superintendent and QI facilitator	RMO	*
	c) Ticket will be marked -- by colour pen or providing colourde ticket/seal for each area	Before intervention	Superintendent and QI facilitator	RMO	*
STEP-1	A. Registration counter/Desk • Registration in waiting place of OPD area	1 Minutes	Clerk responsible for registration	Second clerk	*
	• Ticket will be provided on patient	9-00 AM	Clerk assigned for registration	Second clerk	*
	• Patient can be sent to ORT comer or emergency directly if necessary	2 Minutes	Clerk assigned for registration	Second clerk	*
STEP-2	Waiting Place a) Sitting arrangement	Male-10 Female-10 (for 20 person0	Superintendent and QI facilitator	RMO	*
	b) Waste basket	Two	Do	RMO	*
	c) Sputum box	Two	Do	RMO	*
	d) Safe drinking water facilities	One	Do	RMO	*
	e) Toilet facilities	one for male one for female	Do	RMO	*
	F) Health education's ---- Audio ---- Video ---- Poster	9.00 AM to 3.30 AM	Do	RMO	*
	g) Sign marking with same colour ticket/seal or room/area number towards respective OPD	All activities will be done before intervention	Do	RMO	*
	STEP-3 Consultation/Examination room a) Privacy arrangement			RMO	*

	b) Examination facilities— ---- BP. instrument ---- Stethoscope	Before intervention	Superintendent and QI Facilitator	RMO	*
	---- Tongue depressor ---- Thermometer with antiseptic lotion ---- Weight machine ---- Height tape ---- Torch light ---- Hammer ---- Aural speculum ---- Gloves ---- Vaginal speculum --- Examination white table covered with white cloth				
	c) Sitting arrangement for Doctor, chair & table covered with cloth d) Dental surgeon - Dental chair & instrument	Before intervention	Superintendent and QI Facilitator	RMO	*
	e) Sitting arrangement for patient	Before intervention	Superintendent and QI Facilitator	RMO	*
	f) other facilities— --- Waste basket --- Basin --- Soap --- Light	One for each	Superintendent and QI Facilitator	RMO	*
	Examination : a) Second registration with sl- no, name, age, sex, address, timing of in & exit date	clearly written 2Min	Concerned physician	RMO	*
	b) Filled up histories sheet • Chief complaints • History of present illness -- History of past illness • Family History • Physical examination • Investigation • Provisional Diagnosis • Treatment & • Advice clearly written • Counseling by providers	4—6 minutes	Concerned Physician	RMO	*
STEP-4	Dispensing :- a) First come First serve b) Patient will be in Queue c) Pharmacist collect ticket & Register the ticket number marking the time both in ticket & register d) Dispense drugs & with dose written clearly e) Proper counseling	2—3 minuetts  Regularly	Concerned pharmacist (Senior person)	Second Pharmacist	* *

STEP-5	(A) X-ray Services a) Registration & code number in properly filled investigation slip with brief history b) First come first serve c) Maintain Que.			RMO	*
	d) Investigations are sent back to respective Doctor:- * Plain X-ray, --- Chest --- abdomen --- Bone & joint --- Special X-ray --- Others * Emergency X-ray	Next day  Within 6 hours  Within 30 minutes	Medical Technologist	RMO	*
	(B) Pathology a) First come first serve b) Maintain Que. c) Registration with code number with arrival time d) Routine Exam:- --- Stool R/E --- Urine R/E --- Blood for TC. DC. ESR & Hb % --- Sputum AFB --- MP --- Blood group and cross matching	4 Hours after collecting sample  after 72 hours  Same day	Medical Technologist (Senior person)	One of the two	
STEP-6	A. Admission a) All patients respective of their income are eligible for admission b) Acutely ill. patients are admitted on priority basis c) Admission board will admit the patient	Same day	Admission board/RMO/MO on duty	Superintendent	*
	B. Referrals from OPD a) Exact problem for which the patient is being referred, write properly the area of referral including the documents & short history		Admission board/RM/MO on duty		*

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# **WORKING PROCEDURES OF OUT PATIENT DEPARTMENT AT DISTRICT HOSPITAL**

## Registration

There should be a central desk at the OPD where patients will be provided OPD slips after preliminary registration. This desk may also serve as the booth for hospital information and health education. One nurse/relevant staff with skill in human interactions may be deployed there. After taking brief history of patient's illness he/she will direct them to the respective OPDs. Final registration of patients will be done in the concerned OPDs.

## Working rules

The patient treated in the OPD are usually ambulatory. Acutely ill patients must not be referred to the out patient department. They must be management in the emergency. In OPD, a short clinical examination is done and documented in the OPD slip. It must include a clearly written provisional or clinical diagnosis as well as the advice and treatment given to the patient. A list of investigation planned may also be written on the slip for convenience of the patients. The patients are given correctly and completely filled investigation forms. It must be explained to the patients where Investigation Center is located for all the OPD investigations (blood, urine and stool etc.), and the time when samples are collected, and also how the reports are distributed at the OPD. As in usual procedure, a patient will require to wait till the next OPD day. A way should be found out in consultation with the clinical laboratory and radiology department so that reports of majority of investigations may be available on the same day. This will enable the clinicians to advice treatment to the OPD patients on the same day without awaiting too much. for X-rays, the patients should be clearly directed to communicate to the respective counter in the department and to follow the preparatory instructions which will be given there.

In case of an emergency arising in the OPD, the in charge should be provided with necessary first aid, drugs and equipment. After the first aid given, it is advisable to shift the patient to the emergency department immediately.

To make things easy for the patients, it is advisable to fix a definite date mentioning time & place for the next appointment which should be written down on the slip. It must be remembered that quality of care provided at the OPD should be comparable to in-patient care, and it should be the aim of the hospital to deliver significant medical care to the community through the OPD.

Necessary patient information must be written in the CPO register and acceptable out-patient record with diagnosis be available.

## **Referrals from OPD**

For obtaining the opinion of The Consultant exact problem for which the patient is being referred must be written down on the OPD slip and patient should be directed to the relevant Consultant. While referring the patient to any other specialist please make sure that the result of the investigation is done and-the list of investigations requested should accompany by the patient. This will save repetition of the investigations, time, laboratories' time also save further discomfort to the patient.

## **Admission of patients from OPD**

A patient needing admission to the wards for further management will be admitted from the OPD through the admission board and send the patient to the respective ward.

## **Reminders for Unit Heads (RMO/Superintendent)**

Please.....

- ☞ Display up-to-date organgram
- ☞ Display other information charts, viz. schedules general and visitors' policy, activity report for guidance and transparency
- ☞ Schedule routine daily and weekly activities at fixed time
- ☞ Monitor and supervise staff performance cleanliness, equipment maintenance and resources at your unit as per checklists
- ☞ Send daily bed statement along with serious patients' list
- ☞ Maintain staff morale, punctuality, interpersonal relationship, quest for sound professional knowledge & practice and their good behavior to patients and people
- ☞ Maintain records properly
- ☞ Apply mechanism to receive feedback users' feelings and complaints
- ☞ Hold regular co-ordination meeting each Keep minutes and ensure follow up
- ☞ Send report to Director (Hospital), DGHS & HCQA office at 6th day each month as per specific report form.

# IPD SERVICES

## **Introduction:**

From Emergency and Out Patient departments patients are admitted into the In-Patient Department for further management by keeping the patient under close monitoring. IPD is divided mainly into male ward and female ward. In District Level Hospitals in addition to male and female wards there is a labor ward for the patient under close monitoring. IPD is divided mainly into male ward and female ward. In District Level Hospitals in addition to male and female wards there is a labor ward for the patients admitted for labor and associated cases. All the male patients > 12 years age are admitted into the male ward and all the female patients and children age below 12 years are admitted into the female ward. At District level hospitals the duty doctor, nurses and the supporting staffs in the IPD are accountable to RMO for their responsibilities and through RMO to Superintendent.

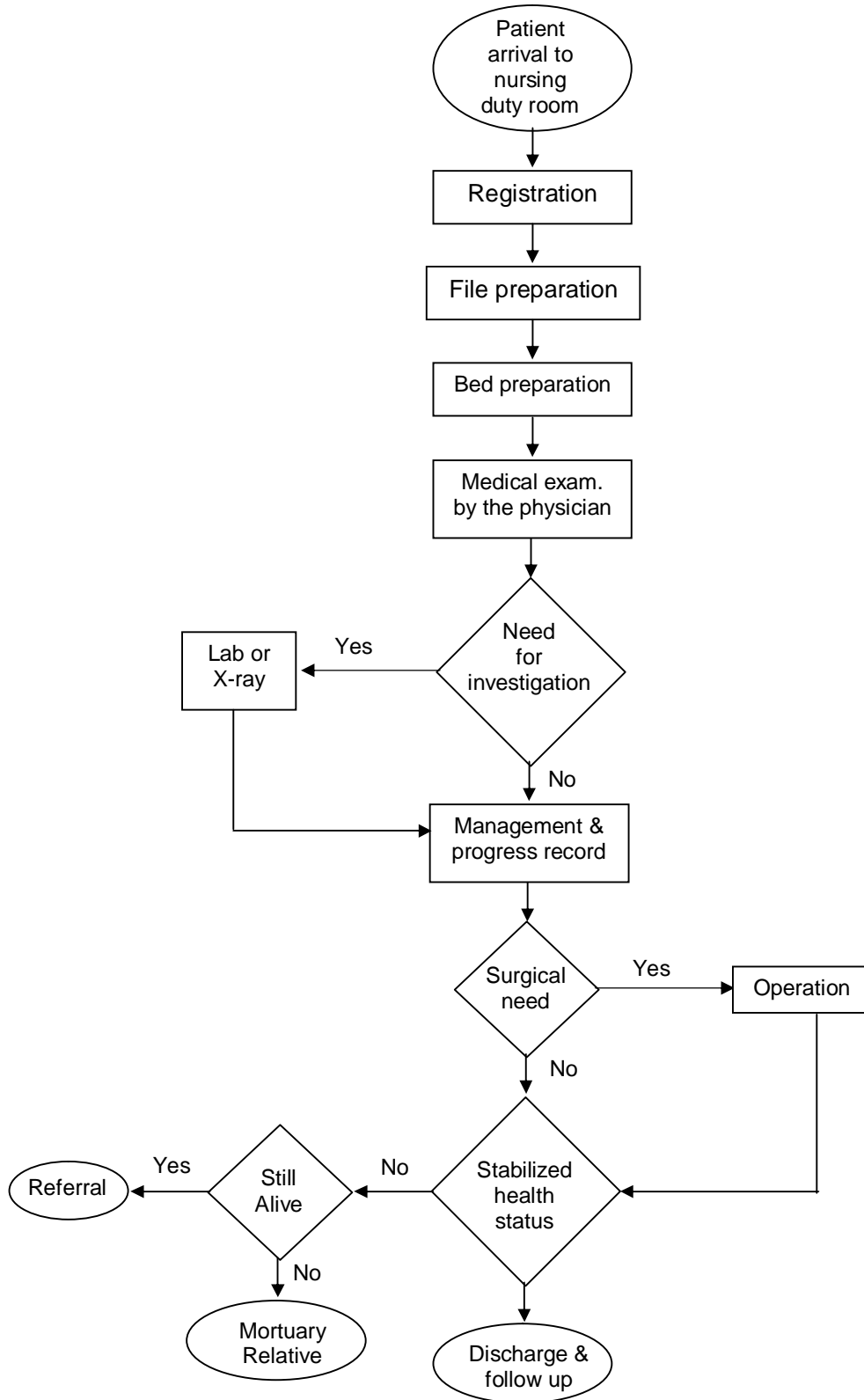
Usually the more sick, acute and seriously ill patients are admitted into the IPD for immediate and supervised treatment protocol. They may also need to undergo various diagnostic and or operative procedures and multiple inter related activities are performed to serve an admitted patient. So, it is very much important to coordinate and standardize these various components of IPD services and also the various departments (i.e. doctors, nurses and support service staffs).

During admission, patients and their relatives highly depend on the doctor and other hospital staffs for the well-being and comfort of the patient and they are psychologically more sensitive and vulnerable to various emotional matters. So, beside clinical management of the patient, it is also important to look after various behavioral aspects of the patient and their relatives for their satisfaction and confidence. All concern staffs should be well concern about their dealings with the patients and their attendants by considering the psychological status of the respective person. They should be well tempered and skill in managing emotional and critical situations.

Mention of standard operating procedure with norms and standards will be of great importance to improve the IPD services as well as satisfy the patients expectation and make them more rational about the real situation of the hospital. By informed about the available services and limitations will give a more harmonious relation between service providers and their clients. It will further improve human relationship, make people confident on the hospital services and also improve the providers satisfaction to serve.



# FLOW CHART OF IPD SERVICE AT DISTRICT LEVEL HOSPITALS



**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP)  
FOR  
IN PATIENT SERVICES**

STEPS	ACTIVITIES	TIME/NO	RESPONSIBLE PERSONS	ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE PERSON	COMPLIANCE RATE
GENERAL					
	<p><b>A. House keeping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mopped &amp; Swept the floor</li> <li>• Clean toilets</li> <li>• Fans, Walls, Roots, Doors &amp; Windows are cleaned dusted.</li> <li>• Tap water supply</li> <li>• Attendant (Full time) for serious patient</li> <li>• Visitors</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doctors/Nurses/Aya wear their dress &amp; badges</li> <li>• Investigation forms/Registers Report, Record in registration History sheet.</li> <li>• Discharge forms, Death certificates, Temp chart, intake &amp; output chart, Height &amp; Weight chart, height &amp; Weight chart, Digoxin chart, Diabetic chart, Paretograph for labour Patient</li> <li>• Bed linen, pillow, pillow cover, Bed sheet, Bedside locker, Mosquito net, Mosquito net stand available according to need.</li> <li>• Stock ledger &amp; required register, like handover &amp; taken over of charges (shift wise) made available.</li> <li>• Diet</li> </ul>	<p>3 Times/24 hrs and when necessary</p> <p>1/shift &amp; when required</p> <p>2 times / week</p> <p>All the time 1/patient</p> <p>Should maintain fixed visiting hour for hospital</p> <p>During working period</p> <p>All time</p> <p>All the time</p> <p>All the time</p> <p>All the time</p>	<p>Cleaner/ Ward in-charge /On duty SSN</p> <p>Ward boy/Sister QI / Facilitator / Nursing Supervisor</p> <p>Aya / wardboy / Sister / QI / Facilitator / Nursing Supervisor</p> <p>Do</p> <p>Ward in charge / Nursing Supervisor</p> <p>Ward in charge</p> <p>Sister in charge / Ward boy / Aya / Nursing Supervisor</p>	<p>Nursing Supervisor/ RMO</p> <p>RMO</p> <p>RMO</p> <p>RMO</p> <p>RMO</p> <p>RMO</p>	<p>⊕</p> <p>⊕</p> <p>⊕</p> <p>⊕</p> <p>⊕</p> <p>⊕</p>
STEP-1	<p>Reception and Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First attenders in duty room</li> <li>• Registration in IPD Register</li> <li>• Bed allocation &amp; Preparation</li> <li>• Health education &amp; instruction sheet</li> <li>• Send the Patient to bed</li> <li>• inform Doctor in duty</li> </ul>	3-5 min:	SSN		

<p>STEP-2</p>	<p>A. Examination  * Check case sheet supplied from emergency / OPD  * Ask chief complaints  * History  ■ Present  ■ past  ■ Family  ■ Personal  ■ Menst. &amp; Obst history of female patients  Physical examination  ■ Pulse  ■ BP  ■ Temperature  ■ Dehydration  ■ Anaemia  ■ Oedema  ■ Jaundice  ■ Clubbing  ■ Koilonechia  ■ Height &amp; Weight  ■ Heart  ■ Lung  ■ Liver  ■ Spleen  ■ Kidney  ■ Other systemic examinations if needed.  ■ Obst &amp; Gynecological examinations when necessary</p> <p>• <b>Investigations.</b>  * Necessary investigations:  ■ Urgent  ■ Routine</p> <p><b>B. Diagnosis</b>  * Provisional diagnosis (Clinical diagnosis)  * Diagnosis written clearly</p> <p>C. Treatment  Treatment will be given after</p> <p>Signature of Doctor</p> <p><b>D. Diet &amp; Nutrition</b>  Break fast  Lunch  Dinner</p>	<p>8-10 min:</p> <p>(within Two hours)</p> <p>Same day (within 24 hrs)</p> <p>10-15 minutes (Examination to Diagnosis &amp; treatment)</p> <p>Within 8 a.m 12 noon-1 P.m.  Within 8 p.m</p>	<p>Respective doctors</p> <p>Respective doctors</p> <p>Pathologist / Radiologist/ Medical technologist/ Doctors</p> <p>Respective doctors</p> <p>SSN</p>	<p>RMO</p> <p>RMO</p> <p>RMO</p> <p>Nursing Supervisor RMO</p> <p>RMO</p>	<p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p>
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STEP-3	A. Further treatment				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Counseling the patients need surgical investigation</li> <li>■ Inform patient / attendants well ahead of surgical procedure</li> </ul>		Respective doctor	RMO	*
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Routine Case</li> <li>-Emergency case at once</li> </ul>	24 hours before at once		RMO	*
	B. Labour Case				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Placed in labour room when pain starts</li> <li>■ Follow up</li> <li>■ Maintenance of partograph</li> </ul>	Doctors, SSN, Aya, Do Continuous ly	Respective doctor		
	C. Transfer				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ If the patient is improved then inform the patient regarding discharge.</li> <li>■ Verbal advice and explanation needed for illiterate patient</li> <li>■ Follow up</li> <li>■ If the patient required specialized services referred with information</li> </ul>	24 hours before				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-----Routine case</li> <li>-----Emergency</li> </ul>	Following morning		RMO	*	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ If death sent to mortuary/death house/isolation place/handed over to relatives.</li> </ul>	After one week or if needed	Respective doctor		
		6 hrs before	SSN/Doctor on duty	RMO	*
		At once within one hour			

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Compliance rate :

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# **WORKING PROCEDURE IN-PATIENT DEPARTMENT AT DISTRICT HOSPITAL**

Under the new intervention program, the clinical in-patient units Male, female & Children at District Hospital, will play independent and broader role. RMO will have to shoulder the responsibilities to co-ordinate the over all activities. All doctors, nurses and other staff will be accountable to Superintendent.

## **Case sheet maintenance**

Case sheet is an important document for patient care, medical records and medico legal purposes. Therefore, it should be looked after properly. The final responsibility for the case sheet upkeep is that of the statistician. Please note that it is important to adhere to the following sequence in arranging the case sheet.

- ☞ Case sheet: particulars of patient (including transfers)
- ☞ Chief Complaints
- ☞ History (present, past, family and others)
- ☞ Physical examination/Special examination
- ☞ Investigations
- ☞ Current treatment orders
- ☞ Previous treatment orders
- ☞ Progress notes (including transfer notes)
- ☞ Partograph for labour patient
- ☞ Consultant/Board
- ☞ Opinion of consultant
- ☞ Opinion of other consultant (s)
- ☞ Progress report
- ☞ Discharge summary
- ☞ Morning and evening round should be ensured.

## **Factors involved in good ward management**

- ❖ Planning and fixing all regular activities into program and listed in ward policy book
- ❖ Making a planned program for each days work, in acquaintance of all
- ❖ Encouraging everybody to plan next days work before leaving the ward
- ❖ Starting day on time
- ❖ Discouraging interruption while one is engaged in a particular task
- ❖ Establishing of ward routine and policies which enable easy and efficient work
- ❖ Orienting new staff
- ❖ Maintaining suitable environment: privacy, noise, proper ventilation, temperature, smoothing light, cleanliness, care of stores and utility rooms
- ❖ Providing constant supplies and equipment for efficient work: adequate supply should be kept in hand all times conveniently located and in good condition
- ❖ Clean cut doctor's order: in clear legible handwritings and complete
- ❖ Accurate and complete records
- ❖ Establishing good working relationship among all members of ward
- ❖ Delegating certain responsibilities
- ❖ Well planned assignments staff: interesting to staff, regarded as education experience to them
- ❖ Patient satisfaction: good care to patient, readily available consultation, feed back about patients' and visitors' feelings and comfort.
- ❖ Transparency: Displays for routine activities and visitors' policy
- ❖ Monitoring and supervision
- ❖ Evaluation

## **Progress report**

Descriptive progress report should be written at intervals. Abbreviations should better be avoided. Following guidelines are suggested for writing progress report: Attending doctors should write his/her name distinctly.

- For acutely ill patients progress of pulse, respiration, temperature, blood pressure, intake-output, treatment given, investigation reports and other relevant facts regarding patient's illness must be written round the clock (hourly, 2 hourly, 4 hourly, etc.).
- DI (Dangerously ill patient) list should be maintained .
- For routine patients, progress report may be written in SOAP headings after the report of a certain investigation: when accident such as fall from bed have occurred or if certain complications occur;
- When special procedures are carried out; when the patient undergoes surgery (pre, per and postoperative). \* Under certain circumstances, it is advisable to make a flow chart of important parameters in addition to the descriptive progress report, e.g. BP chart in hypertension, platelet, reticulocyte, TC, DC blood count, blood urea, electrolytes, creatinine and intake-output chart with renal failure.
- Maintains of partograph for labour patient .
- Preparation for anesthesia, preoperative orders, written informed consent of patient and post operative instructions.

## **Preparation for anesthesia and post operative instructions**

Preoperative orders should be written well in advance so that sister can take written informed consent of patient, and also other preparation, bowel washes, enema etc. before patients retires to sleep. The nature of the procedure. expected outcomes and the possibility of isolation/postoperative ventilation should be explained thoroughly to the patient and attendant. Adult patient should remain fasting from midnight. Children need to be kept fasting only 4-6 hours and can have milk between 4-5 a.m. Postoperative instructions should be written clearly and the postoperative ward sister should be notified for special instruction, e.g. hourly urine output, oxygen therapy, etc. Anesthesia deaths must carefully be recorded and investigated.

## **Investigations and bed-side procedures**

- All investigation forms must be completely filled in the previous night and handed over to, the night nurse so that she gets ready for collection of various samples and also be able to collect the morning samples of urine, stool, sputum, etc.
- No regular or routine procedures may be done or ward round taken while the meals are served to patients at the following hours. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.
- All routine dressings and procedures should be done in the morning hours as the maximum nursing staff is available in these hours. Only emergency procedures should be taken up in the evening or at night.
- The instructions of the doctors to the nurses must be given in writing on the case sheets as well as entered in doctors' instruction book of the ward.

## **The following guidelines may be regarded as ideal:**

- Requisition for emergency investigations must be kept to a bare minimum. An urgent investigation may be requisitioned only when truly urgent (ESR is never an urgent investigation).
- The so called routine work-up investigations must be kept to a minimum. Overloading the laboratory with irrelevant and unnecessary investigations is one of the most important causes of unreliable report. An over burdened laboratory can not function properly. Please remember, just as a clinician has a right to ask for an investigation.
- The investigations must be planned in such a way that a minimum number of pricks are given to the patients.

- There can not be any excuse for giving several pricks a day to the patient.
- If a particular investigation requires the patient to be fasting, under no circumstance should he/she be kept waiting. Such a patient must get priority over all other routine works.

A sample should be accompanied by correct labeling of container with Name. Reg. No. Age, Sex, Place of origin, Provisional diagnosis. Sometimes the corroborative data is mandatory for the correct interpretation of the test. Another important point to remember is that the doctor's name should be written in block letters below the signature you may display a chart in the ward showing amount of sample and method of collection for each test. This will be a great help for the nurses who work in the ward for making such a chart, you should better consult your own hospital laboratory. Below is an example of how to make the chart.

Test	Sample	Amount	Method of collection
Glucose (F)	Blood	1 ml	Collected in sugar tube prepared in lab with anticoagulant and fluoride
Blood gas & acid-base	Blood	1 ml	Collected in anaerobic condition in liquid paraffin, test tube kept in ice cold water

### Concerns of result of treatment

The treatment plan should be such that there remains concern for end results. The number of patients recovered, not recovered, improved, not improved, not treated, admitted for diagnosis only, or died, etc. are to be carefully evaluated and constant efforts are diverted for improvement of the figures. All tissues removed at operation should be sent to pathologist and report of examination should be placed in records. Appropriate procedures in relation to infection control, sterile supplies and safety precautions are to be followed. Postoperative infection rate and postoperative death rate must also be under vigilance. Delay before operation must be reduced significantly, by doing preoperative investigation in the out patient department. Every opportunity of health education of patients and their visitors should be utilized by all personnel and staff.

### Patient diets

It is very important part of the doctors working RMO on the ward to see that their patients are getting the correct diet prescribed by them. Diet should be tasty. However, if the patient is suffering from PEM and/or losing protein due to illness then he will need high protein diet should be categorized according to patients need example high protein, diabetic, salt, restricted, diet, etc.

**The following may be the general rule:** When protein requirement is more than 100 gm a day, then extra egg may be added over regular diet. Fruits may be added with milk diet, semisolid diet or those with tube feeding. Additional butter may be added to patients needing more than 2400 calories a day. But before prescribing extra, every body should be rational, because unnecessary extra may cause pilferage in allocation for diet, which will cause sufferings of the deserving patients. It is requested that the doctors in charge of the patient will check the diet of his/her patient is getting. If any discrepancy is noticed, this should be brought to the notice of nurse and dietitian.

### **Patients' attendants and attendant pass**

In the general wards, no more than one attendant should usually be allowed to stay with each patient. However, attendants should not be allowed to enter the treatment room, operation theaters. Storage of food at the bed side should be restricted. The attendants must leave the ward and wait at verandah during the consultant's round. In pediatric ward, one attendant; preferably the mother, may stay with the child even during the rounds. Identity card paper should be provided to the attendant who will stay with patient. Other relatives and friends can visit the patient only during the visiting hours. ***However, the doctors will decide weather they will allow or not allow visitor(s) for a particular patient depending upon their condition. The relatives of the patient must be informed of the progress of the patient daily after the wards rounds. If needed, the consultants may also discuss the problem of the patient with relatives after the ward rounds.*** Each patient, irrespective of whether he/she is admitted to general/paying bed is issued one attendant pass. This pass is issued by the ward doctors. Only one attendant having the pass is permitted to stay with the patient in the ward.

### **Discharge and follow up**

For the convenience of patients it is suggested that they must be informed about their contemplated discharge at least 24 hours in advance. It is advisable to get a clearance of other consulting units if they have also been closely involved in the patient's management. The discharge must be planned in such a way that the patient acute bed by 11-00 a.m. This timing is helpful in many ways. The transportation of patient is easier during the day rather than night. Patients are admitted from the OPD usually during around noon time and they will be able to occupy the vacated bed immediately rather than to wait for hours. A complete summary of the patient's medical records duly signed by the authorized doctors of the unit is given to the patient at the time of discharge. ***Discharge summary is the only official documents given by the hospital to the patient. Therefore, it must truly reflect the highest standards of medical care being given to patents in this hospital.*** It must be exact, factually correct and concise. It must include the identity of the treating unit, registration number, date of admission and discharge, diagnosis in capital letters, summary of investigations, and clearly written instruction regarding the follow-up management and the date, time, place and identity of OPD where the patient should report for follow-up.



### **Transfer of patient to other hospitals**

It is possible that due to the special type of medical problem for which specialized hospitals are earmarked, or due to the shortage of bed, the patients may be required to be transferred to some other hospitals. In all such cases, it must be ensured that detailed case records, investigations and treatment done accompany the patient; also the patients and their relatives are properly explained the reason of transfer to other hospital.

### **Death Certificate**

The death certificate must be filled correctly as per the original case sheet. It is signed by the authorized doctor of the unit with his full name in block letters. All case records duly completed must be passed on promptly (within 24 hours of discharge or death) to the Medical Records Section. Incomplete records bring bad name to the treating unit.

### **Availability of doctors and sisters**

Doctors and sisters must always be available in the duty room in the ward round the clock. The nurse in charge will be responsible for providing for good nursing care for all patients. She will be responsible for carrying out the medical advice given by the doctors and co-ordinating patients care activities with all other departments. She will also instruct, supervise and evaluate the performances of all other nursing personnel in the ward.

### **Patient satisfaction and transparency**

Superintendent should motivate his personnel and staff to be particularly careful to ensure patients satisfaction. Sympathetic and helping attitude and behavior towards patients and their relatives are important factors. Explanations of patient's condition and reassurance may establish good rapport with the people. Display of hospital drug list, list of available investigations, different schedules, such as, ward round, meal time, visitor's policy, statistical data of unit's patient care services during the last few months and in money value, etc. may create scope for establishing transparency as well as building strong public support for hospital.

### **Reminders for Unit Heads**

Please.....

- Display up to date unit organ gram
- Display other information charts, viz. Schedule, general and visitor's policy, activity reports, etc. for guidance and transparency.
- Schedule routine daily and weekly activities at fixed time
- Monitor and supervise staff performance, cleanliness, equipment maintenance and use of resources at your unit as per checklist.
- Maintain staff morale, punctuality, interpersonal relationship, quest for sound professional knowledge and practice and their good behavior to patients and people.
- Maintain records properly
- Apply mechanism to receive feedback about users feeling and complaints
- Hold regular coordination meeting each week. Keep minutes and ensure follow up.
- Send report to Hospital Director at 6<sup>th</sup> day of each month as per specific Report from.
- Medical audit must be done regularly.

## **Scheduling different activities**

For the sake of easy and comfortable delivery of medical care to patients. it is expected that all the activities of the ward will be carefully scheduled and the different responsibilities will be assigned properly. A display of such schedule in the ward will work in favor of transparency. and if followed properly, will enhance trust and image of the health care providers to the public.

## **Supervision checklist**

To ensure sound delivery of medical care to patients, maintenance of sound environment, including cleanliness and sanitation, equipment maintenance, judicious use of materials and resources, staff morale and punctuality. specific supervision checklist and feedback forms based on standard which is prepares for this hospital and is agreed upon by all concerned should be strictly followed.

## **Infection control**

Infection among all patients, surgical, medical and obstetrical must be investigated. Precaution should be taken to reduce infection brought in by patients and visitors. Proper attention should be paid to house-keeping, equipment, sterile techniques and supplies. periodic bacteriological tests of appropriate items should be routinely carried out.

## **Co-ordination meeting**

Each week, the institution head will organize a co-ordination meeting at his office where all personnel and staff will participate. Review of performance and issues for further improvement will be included in the agenda. Views will be exchanged upon open discussion. Keeping of proper minutes and their follow-up will be given special attention.

# **HOUSE-KEEPING**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Good House keeping is an art of utmost importance of the hospital services. No standard service can be provided without good house keeping. Good house keeping can improve public relation and psychological effect on patients, visitors and service providers. In District Level Hospital House Keeping is supervised by Superintendent, RMO and QA facilitator. All personal related to House Keeping should know the characteristics and qualities of cleaning agents, their selection and proper use.

Primary activity of House Keeping includes the cleaning, dusting, moping and related domestic duties involved in maintaining a high standard of cleanliness of hospital. General sanitation, Mosquitoes, insects and other rodent control are among the most important duties of House Keeping. The House Keeper acts as an inspector and reports to respective supervisor. Routine work schedule should be co-ordinate with other departments in order to provoke a minimum disruption of other services. A system that involves water supply, ventilation, sewerage and waste disposal etc. are of major concerns of good House Keeping.

**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)  
AT DISTRICT HOSPITAL ON  
HOUSE-KEEPING**

	Activities	Time/No	Responsible person	Alternate person	Compliance Rate
Step: 1	A. Floor ■ Routine cleaning	2 times/working day & when necessary	Cleaner, QI, Facilitator & RMO	Ward In Charge	*
	■ Dusting of wall & Roof	1/week once day & necessary	MLSS/Aya QI, Facilitator	Ward In Charge RMO	*
	■ Furniture	2times/day	Cleaner, QI, Facilitator & RMO	Nursing Supervisor	*
	B. Scrubbing	Once in a week (Holiday)	Cleaner, QI, Facilitator & RMO	Nursing Supervisor	*
	C. Bathroom & toilet ■ Cleaning ■ Scrubbing	1 time / day & when necessary  1 time / week	Cleaner, QI, Facilitator & RMO	Nursing Supervisor	*
	D. Disposal of waste: General, Sharp, infectious wastes to be collected separately. ■ Solid ■ Liquid	2times/day & when needed (hazardous) Once daily (non hazardous)	Cleaner, QI, Facilitator & RMO	Nursing Supervisor	*
	E. Disposal of waste from ■ Waste basket  ■ Sputum box	Cleaned once daily  Once / daily or when needed	Cleaner, QI, Facilitator & RMO	Nursing Supervisor	*
	F. Maintenance of waste basket sputum box (colour & Repair)	Once/month	Cleaner, QI, Facilitator & RMO	Nursing Supervisor	*
	G. Waste must be chemically treated before disposal if it is infectious. For this purpose chemicals (phenyl, lysol, carbolic acid, bleaching powder, etc.) may be used.	When necessary	Cleaner, QI, Facilitator & RMO	Nursing Supervisor	*
	H. OT : Keep ready for all time.	All time	RMO	Nursing Supervisor	

Compliance rate :

Quality of Care will be compliance rate.

The Rated is Excellent : 91-100%  
Very Good : 76-90%  
Good : 50-75%  
Bad : <50%

The above procedures can be applied in all areas of District Hospitals, Emergency, ward, OT, Labour room, kitchen and campus, where the following activities will be done and in addition to above activities.

**STEP : 2**

Cleaning activity	Expected Frequency	Norm
Garbage removed from wards	3	2 Time/day or whenever needed
Garbage removed from OTs	3	2 Time/day or whenever needed
Garbage removed from Campus	1	Once daily
Kitchen	2	2 Time/day or whenever needed
Wards mopped and swept	3	3 Time/day

**Note : Garbage :** staining Materials, Soiled Linen, Blood stain Gauge & Bandage.

Rules of detergent use

**STEP : 3**

Name	Time
■ Lysol	30 ml/Liter of water/15bed ward
■ Vim	20 mg/ward/day (to clean basin & pans etc)
■ Soap	100 gram/week/500 Sq. ft floor space

After chemical treatment disposal hazardous/infectious waste shall be made by dumping / burning every week or when needed.

Following may be considered :

District level hospital

1. Burning and dumping tools and facilities should be made available locally or centrally.
2. Proper place for burning (incineration) and dumping should be specified.
3. Low cost incinerator may be considered for near future.

Non infectious sharps, plastics and metals may be brought for use by recycling process and metals may be brought for use by recycling process if feasible. In this respect hospital waste should be classified in certain criteria.

# WORKING PROCEDURE OF DISTRICT HOSPITAL ON HOUSE - KEEPING

Good House-Keeping is an asset. No hospital can afford to be without. This is, not only because of its public relations and psychological effects upon patients, visitors and employees, but also from the standpoint of economy. The respective Superintendent /RMO/SSN/ Aya/Ward boy /Sweeper are mainly responsible for House Keeping activities. Superintendent being head of the housekeeping department should know the characteristics and qualities of cleaning agents, their selection and proper use.

Since he/she will direct a fairly large staff comprising unskilled workers he should be capable of carrying out continuous guidance and teaching. The primary activities of the housekeeping include the routine cleaning, dusting, mopping, and related domestic duties involved in maintaining a high standard of cleanliness of the hospital. General sanitation, are among the most important duties. Housekeeping employees are in the best position, in their daily, intimate tours of duty, to assist all employees. Particularly the nursing staff and administrator, to establish and maintain many aspects of an adequate safety program. The housekeeper acts as an committee. Inspector for and reports to the Superintendent any repairs needed, such as damage to floors or walls, peeling paint, or cracking plaster. He may initiate requisitions for repairs of these and for various items of equipment and furniture. Routine work schedules should be coordinated with those of other departments in order to provoke a minimum disruption of all services. Systems that involve water supply, ventilation, sewage, waste disposal, etc. are of major concerns.

## Water supply

The water to be tested every month, treated to make it safe and potable for drinking, hand washing, bathing, cooking, washing eatables and utensils, preparation and processing of food. and use in laundry.

### SEVERAL TIPS OF HOUSEKEEPING

- Use, clean and care equipment
- Give special attention In cleaning of special areas such as male & female suit, etc.
- Be careful in selection, measurement and proper use of house keeping materials.
- Maintain cleaning schedule.
- Apply techniques for evaluation of cleaning effectiveness
- Maintain liaison with infection control Committee

## **Ventilation and other equipment, furniture and bedding**

Must be maintained carefully under a regular system of preventive maintenance by keeping them clean, free from dust, dirt, etc. Critical address like operation theater, post operative room, deliver room, new born nursery, are be scrupulously clean, free from dust, dirt, etc. and preferably fitted with ventilation system with controlled filtered air.

## **Storage areas**

Storage areas, roof and staircase shall be clean the space under the staircases shall not be used for storage. The store should be free from insects, rodent.

### **Reminders for Superintendent**

Please.....

- Display up to date unit organ gram
- Display other information charts, viz, schedules, general and visitors, policy, activity reports etc. for guidance and transparency.
- Schedule routine daily and weekly activities at fixed time.
- Monitor and supervise staff performance, cleanliness, equipment maintenance and use of resources at your unit as per checklists.
- Maintain staff morale, punctuality, interpersonal relationship, quest for sound professional knowledge & practice and their good behavior to patients and people.
- Maintain records properly.
- Apply mechanism to receive feedback about users feelings and complaints.
- Hold regular co-ordination meeting each week. Keep minutes and ensure follow up.
- Send report to hospital Director (DGHS) & HCQA office ant 6<sup>th</sup> day each month as per specific Report Form.

## **Waste disposal**

Solid wastes are ideally packed or wrapped at site of origin within minimum handling. patient care potentially hazardous. isolation wastes and materials contaminated with secretions, excretions or blood are to be collected in impervious containers for handling within hospital, Cover, Tubes, sputum cups, swabs, etc. are to be preferably sterilized by autoclave, prior to washing or discarding or incinerated.

## EMERGENCY SERVICE MONITORING CHECKLIST

Sl No.	Question / Observation	Response/ Result			Remarks	SOP-Score
		Yes	No	N/A		
1	Is the level of cleanliness satisfactory?					
2	Are signs & posting displayed clearly?					
3	Is the furniture & equipment's arrange well?					
4.	Is the staffing attendance?					
5	Is the staff dressing properly?					
6	Are waste basket & sputum box available?					
7	Is the patient received properly					
8	Does the patient wait less then 10 minute?					
9	Is the ticket provided marked by specific colour seal?					
10	Is resuscitation in case of need done immediately?					
11	Is history taken & examination done properly?					
12	Are the necessary investigation done?					
13	Are the urgent investigation done within 1 hour?					
14	Is the patient send to the proper place for further treatment?					



## OPD Service monitoring Checklist

SI No.	Services	As per SOP		Remarks
		Yes	No	
1	Whether provided attention to patients and listened to their complaints?			
2	Whether given answers to present Question?			
3	Whether asked chief complaints?			
4	Whether asked present history of illness?			
5.	Whether given answers to present history of illness and related family history?			
6	Whether patient checked for vitals signs?			
7	Whether conducted related physical examinations?			
8	Whether tried to reach a provisional diagnosis?			
9	Whether ordered condition related laboratory tests or X-rays?			
10	Whether provided to the patients / relatives information about the condition and treatment plan?			
11	Whether discussed about the importance of compliance with drug therapy?			
12	Whether adequate time spend for patient consultation?			
13	Whether provider wash hands before and between patient examination?			
14	Whether soiled covers are removed and replaced before examining new patient?			
15	Whether thermometer and tongue depressor are kept soaked in antiseptic solution before examining next patient?			
16	Whether maintained patients discipline (Queue)?			
17	Whether patient counseling & health education done?			
18	Whether admission procedure as SOP followed?			
19	Whether referral procedure as per SOP followed?			

## IPD Service Monitoring Checklist

SI No.	Services	As per sop			Remarks	Score as per SOP
		Yes	No	N/A		
1	Whether mopping/sweeping materials supply adequate?					
2	Whether satisfactory toilet facilities?					
3	Whether satisfactory fans, walls, doors, windows clean and in good condition?					
4.	Whether supply of safe water adequate?					
5	Whether display of visiting hours and visiting policy?					
6	Whether use of official dressed by Doctor/Nurse and other staffs?					
7	Whether forms, registers, history sheets, records book are in available supply?					
8	Whether temperature chart, Ht/Wt chart, Digoxin Chart. Diabetic chart, partograph are used when necessary?					
9	Whether patient registration done properly?					
10	Whether preparation and allocation of bed accordingly?					
11	Whether giving health education?					
12	Whether following instruction sheet?					
13	Whether checking of case sheet properly?					
14	Whether asking for chief complaints?					
15	Whether taking history of the patient?					
16	Whether physical examination done properly?					
17	Whether urgent investigation report ensured within 2 hrs?					
18	Whether routine investigation report ensured within 24 hrs?					
19	Whether diagnosis written clearly?					
20	Whether treatment schedule written clearly with signature of the doctor?					
21	Whether food served as per schedule?					
22	Whether counseling of the patient before surgical treatment?					
23	Whether informing patient and attendant before surgical procedure?					
24	Whether maintenance of partograph in labour case?					
25	Whether procedure of discharge followed properly?					
26	Whether procedure of referral followed properly?					
27	Whether regarding death, hand-over of dead body as per procedure?					

## Service monitoring checklist for House-keeping

Sl No.	Question / Observation	Response/ Result			Remarks	SOP-Score
		Yes	No	N/A		
1	Whether routine cleaning of the floor?					
2	Whether dusting of wall, roof?					
3	Whether dusting of furniture?					
4.	Whether mopping of the floor?					
5	Whether scrubbing?					
6	Whether cleaning of bath room & toilets?					
7	Whether scrubbing of bath room & toilets?					
8	Whether disposal of solid waste?					
9	Whether disposal of liquid waste?					
10	Whether disposal of waste from waste basket & spitting box?					
11	Whether maintenance of waste basket & spitting box?					
12	Whether chemical treatment of the waste when necessary?					
13	Whether removal of garbage from the wards?					
14	Whether removal of garbage from the campus?					
15	Whether removal of garbage from the kitchen?					