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All Provincial Secretaries of Health,
All Provincial Directors of Health Services,
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All Directors of Special Programmes,
Director/National Institute of Health Sciences,
All Directors of Teaching Hospitals,
All Directors of Provincial General Hospitals,
All Directors of General Hospitals,
All Medical Superintendents of Hospitals,
All Consultant Specialists,
District Medical Officers/Medical Officers In charge of all Hospitals,
All Medical Officers of Maternal and Child Health,
Chief Medical Officer of Health/All Municipal Councils,
All Medical Officers of Health,
All School Medical Officers,

Medical Inspection of School Children and Referral to Hospitals

This is further to the circular no. 02-124/2009 dated 16.12.2009, issued by Ministry of Health on the above subject.

In all hospitals, arrangements should be made to release Medical Officers(MO), RMO/AMO for School Medical Inspection (SMI) on prior arrangements by the Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) with the Hospital Administrators, and in coordination with the Medical Officer Maternal and Child Health (MOMCH) and Medical Officer of Health (MOH) of the area.

School children with treatable defects detected at SMI should be treated at the SMI. Those who need further care should be referred to specialist clinics at the nearest hospital.

Children suspected or found with signs or/and symptoms of any heart diseases should be referred for specialized care.

School children having behavioral problems should be referred to Consultant Psychiatrist or Medical Officer-Mental Health (MO-MH) at the nearest hospital.

Children with BMI <-2SD should be referred to any clinic at MOH office that falls on the closest date and managed accordingly. Children with BMI >2SD or clinical suspicion of severe anaemia should be referred for specialized care.

Children having ENT or Eye problems should be referred to relevant clinics.

MOH should maintain a calendar of special clinics in the nearby hospitals for this purpose.

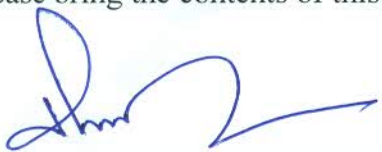
All hospital authorities should make sure that special clinics are held on Saturday mornings and weekday afternoons for school children.

Priority must be given to children attending hospital clinics on other days by taking steps to ensure that these children carrying the School Health Referral Card (H 606) are seen without being made to take their turn with the other Out Patient Department (OPD) and clinic queues.

For feedback to MOH, please see that H 606 is duly completed and handed over to the parent/child on completion of treatment.

Further, school authorities should be informed about the sports events which need **fitness screening**. Children coming for fitness screening shall be referred to sports medicine unit of the nearest hospital.

Please bring the contents of this circular to the notice of all clinic and OPD staff.



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