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Scaling up of Neonatal Transport Service in Sri Lanka

This is further to the letter No: FHB/INBU/Circular Guideline/2017/01 dated 20.04.2018 issued by the Director General of Health Services.

Improving advance newborn care is an identified strategy in the Maternal and Newborn Health Strategic Plan of 2017 - 2025 and the Sri Lanka Every Newborn Action Plan 2017-2020. Regionalizing Newborn Care through neonatal transport services with trained, competent staff ensure safe and rapid transfer of high-risk neonates to specialized neonatal units resulting in better neonatal outcomes.

In keeping with the aim of further reducing neonatal morbidity and mortality, five neonatal transport centres were identified in Western (LRH), Eastern (TH Batticaloa), Northern (TH Jaffna), Sabaragamuwa (Teaching Hospital Rathnapura) and Southern Provinces (Teaching Hospital Karapitiya) by the Ministry of Health and provided with equipment for neonatal transport in 2018. Further, ten hospitals were provided with ambulances and the ambulances of the following hospitals were modified by fixing of syringe pumps, neonatal transport incubator with ventilator and a monitor with neonatal probes in 2019 to be utilized for neonatal retrieval; Teaching Hospital Peradeniya, Colombo North Teaching Hospital, Provincial General Hospital Kurunegala, Provincial

General Hospital Badulla, District General Hospital Ampara, District General Hospital Hambantota, District General Hospital Nuwaraeliya and District General Hospital Tricomalee. The list of hospitals identified as **Neonatal Transport Centres** and the list of hospitals served by each of the Neonatal Transport Centre is given in Annex 1.

Administration of the Neonatal Transport Services

Administration of the neonatal transport service will be under the Director of the Hospital of the Neonatal Transport Centre. Provision of designated Ambulance facilities and other equipment required for effective transport eg: transport incubators with inbuilt ventilators and allocation of staff (Medical Officers, Nursing Officers, Minor Staff, and Ambulance Drivers) is the responsibility of the Director of the Hospital with the Neonatal Transport Centre. He/she should ensure that the designated ambulance for neonatal transport should have full insurance cover so that any patient or staff travelling in the ambulance is fully covered.

Functioning of the Neonatal Transport Networks

The Consultant Neonatologist or the Paediatrician at the referring hospital has to discuss the need for the transport with the Consultant Neonatologist or the Paediatrician at the Neonatal Transport Centre. It may be a neonate with a medical, surgical, cardiac or any other condition. If the call for the retrieval is for a cardiac or for a surgical condition, the neonate has to be retrieved to the relevant cardiac or the surgical centre. Neonatal Transport Team could undertake transfers from the Neonatal Transport Centre back to the referring hospital which increase the parental access to their child, availability of cots in the NICU for emergencies and allow the hospitals in the network to uphold their competencies.

In emergency situations, a call for a neonatal transport may come from a hospital outside the catchment area and these should be considered favourably.

Neonatal Transport Lead

The Consultant Neonatologist/Paediatrician in-charge of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of the Hospital where the Neonatal Transport Center is established, should function as the Neonatal Transport Lead and provide technical guidance for the neonatal transport service of the Network.

The Neonatal Transport Team

The neonatal transport team would consist of Medical Officers, Nursing Officers, Supporting Staff and Ambulance Driver of the Hospital where the Neonatal Transport Centre is established. Neonatal Transport has to be included in the list of duties of Medical and Nursing Officers working in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Staff members identified for the neonatal transport team should undergo statutory one day standard training course conducted by Master Trainers on Neonatal Transport.

The team will consist of trained doctors and nurses from the Neonatal Intensive Care unit of the hospital that functions as the Neonatal Transport Centre. Medical and Nursing Officers who had undergone the standard neonatal transport training but

working in Intensive Care Units other than Neonatal ICU in that hospital can opt for neonatal transport.

Provision of 24/7 services

Initially, neonatal transport would be a service provided from 7.00 am to 4.00 pm, all days of the week. Gradually, the service should be expanded for 24 hrs of the day, all days of the week. Medical Officer in-charge and the Nursing Sister/ Officer in-charge of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit should prepare the roster for the Medical Officers and Nursing Officers identified for the neonatal transport team, in consultation with the Neonatal Transport Lead. The identified team has to provide neonatal transport services based on the request, and attend to the routine work when not involved in the transport service.

Training of the members of the neonatal transport team

Organizing the neonatal transport one day standard training course and refresher training for the recruited staff members will be the responsibility of the Neonatal Transport Lead with the support of the Head of the institution.

You are hereby instructed to ensure the implementation of neonatal transport services effectively in your institution and your co-operation to improve quality survival of newborns is greatly appreciated.


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Neonatal Transport Networks

Province	Neonatal Transport Centre	Hospitals in the Neonatal Transport Network
Northern	TH Jaffna	BH Point Pedro
		BH Thellipalai
		BH Chawakachcheri
		BH Kayts
		DGH Killinochchi
		BH Mallavi
		BH Mankulam
		BH Mulankavil
		DGH Mannar
		DGH Vavunua
		BH Cheddickulum
		DGH Mullativu
North Western Province	PGH Kurunegala	BH Kuliapitiya
		BH Nikaweratiya
		BH Dambadeniya
		BH Polpitiyagama
		DGH Chilaw
		BH Puttalam
		BH Warakapola
North Central Province	TH Anuradhapura	BH Padaviya
		BH Tham buttegama
		BH Kebithigollawa
		DGH Polonnaruwa
		BH Madirigiriya
		BH Welikanda
		BH Dambulla
		BH Galgamuwa
		BH Kanthale
Central Province	SBCH /TH Peredeniya/ TH Kandy as a cluster	BH Gampola
		DGH Nawalapitiya
		BH Theldeniya
		DGH Matale
		BH Hettipola
		BH Rikillagaskada
		DGH Kegalle
		DGH Mawanella
	DGH Nuwaraeliya	BH Dickoya and Divisional Hospitals as per need
Uva	PGH Badulla	BH Diyathalawa
		BH Mahiyanganaya
		BH Welimada
		DGH Monaragala
		BH Bibile
		BH Siyambalanduwa
		BH Wellawaya
Southern	TH Karapitiya	TH Mahamodara
		BH Balapitiya
		BH Elpitiya
		BH Udugama
		DGH Matara

Neonatal Transport Networks

Province	Neonatal Transport Centre	Hospitals in the Neonatal Transport Network
	DGH Hambantota	BH Deniyaya
		BH Kamburupitiya
		BH Tangalle
		BH Tissamaharama
		BH Walasmulla
Sabaragamuwa	PGH Ratnapura	BH Embilipitiya
		Bh Kahawatte
		BH Balangoda
		BH Kalawana
		BH Karawanella
Eastern	TH Batticaloa	BH Vallaichchenai
		BH Kalavanchikudi
		BH Kathankudi
	DGH Ampara	BH Dehiattakandiya
		BH Kalmuai South
		BH Kalmunai North
		BH Mahaoya
		BH Akkaraipauur
		BH Samanthurai
		BH Pothuvil
		BH Nindavur
	DGH Trincomalee	BH Kanthalai
		BH Muttur
		BH Kinniya
Western	LRH	BH Avissawella
		BH Homagama
		BH Mulleriyawa
		DGH Kalutara
		BH Horana
		Kethumathi Hospital
		BH Pimbura
		De Soysa Maternity Hospital
		Castle Street Hospital for Women
		Colombo South Teaching Hospital
		Sri Jayawardenapura GH
	Colombo North TH	DGH Gampaha
		DGH Negombo
		BH Wathupitiwala
		BH Meerigama
		BH Minuwangoda
		BH Kiribathgoda
		BH Marawila