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Provincial Directors of Health Services,

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Use of routine antenatal anti D prophylaxis for Rhesus negative pregnant women

The use of Anti D as a prophylactic measure for Rhesus negative pregnant women was reported from the several hospitals in the country. This practice has led to a shortage of Anti D in government hospitals. According to the National guidelines on management of Rh Negative pregnant women, routine use of Anti D as a prophylactic treatment during antenatal period is not recommended in Sri Lanka.

However, the Ministry of Health again sought expert opinion from the Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists on this matter. Having taken into account our rhesus negativity rate and the availability for facilities for in utero transfusion in case of sensitization they have informed the Ministry of Health **that the routine antenatal use of Anti D as a prophylactic measure is not recommended as it is not cost effective in the Sri Lankan setting and postpartum Anti D should be given as practiced.**

Please be kind enough to inform this to Consultant Obstetricians and Gynaecologists working in your district/institution.

Updated guidelines on management of Rh Negative pregnant women will be issued shortly.

Your cooperation in this regard is highly appreciated.

Thank you,

Dr. P.G. Mahipala,

Director General of Health Services,

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