

Government of Telangana
Aarogyasri Health Care Trust

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With reference to the subject cited, it is to inform that the Trust after going through the guidelines issued by the National Aids Prevention and Control Policy on safety of blood and blood products, it is decided to adopt the following guidelines on safety of blood and blood products under Aarogyasri Scheme.

To minimize the risk of transmission of HIV infection through blood and blood products, Government has taken a series of measures.

- i. The Drugs and Cosmetic Rules provide mandatory testing of blood for HIV in addition to other blood-transmissible disease namely Hepatitis B Surface Antigen, Hepatitis C, Malaria and Syphilis.*
- ii. Under Supreme Court directives, licensing of blood banks is mandatory and operation of unlicensed blood banks has been banned.*
- iii. The system of collection of blood from paid doctors has been phased out completely. To ensure availability of blood, Government has undertaken large scale mobilization efforts to increase voluntary blood donation through involvement of government and non-government agencies.*
- iv. Government would ensure establishment of adequate blood banking services at the State/District levels including provision of trained manpower.*
- v. To ensure proper clinical use of blood, more blood component separation facilities would be established in the county which would improve availability of adequate blood components and their use instead of whole blood.*
- vi. Government has set up National and State Blood Transfusion Councils to oversee blood transfusion services as autonomous bodies. The facility of 100% tax exemption for contributions to these councils has also been given. These Councils will play a very important role in augmenting blood transfusion services in the country and to ensure safe blood to the people. To ensure generation of adequate medical and para medical personnel specialized in blood banks, states are required to upgrade blood banks located in medical colleges and to be named as Department of Transfusion Medicine.*

With the modernization of blood bank services, it is expected that the demand for blood and blood components will be fully met through a modernized and efficient network of blood banks in the public, private and voluntary sectors thus minimizing the risk of HIV transmission through blood.

Along with the above mentioned guidelines, the following are the other guidelines to be followed by the Network hospitals under Aarogyasri with regard to supply of blood to the Aarogyasri patients.

- i. Blood/Blood components shall be supplied by own/tie-up from Licensed Blood Banks/Blood storage centres.
- ii. No limit on number of blood/blood component units is earmarked for the Network Hospitals under AHCT.

Hence, all the Network Hospitals of Telangana State are hereby informed to follow the above mentioned guidelines for blood and blood products under Aarogyasri Scheme.


Chief Executive Officer

To

1. The MD/CEO/Medical Superintendent of all the Network Hospitals.
2. The GM (PMU), AHCT with a request to place in the AHCT Portal.
3. The GM (FOSS), AHCT with a request to communicate all the District Coordinators of Telangana State

Copy to:

1. All the HoDs of AHCT for favour of information.
2. The PS to CEO, AHCT for favour of information.