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Leptospirosis Mortality Review

We very much appreciate the cooperation you extended in carrying out leptospirosis surveillance activities at your hospitals. To further strengthen the sentinel surveillance activities, as suggested by the DDG (PHS) at the recently held REE Quarterly Review, we request you to arrange mortality reviews for leptospirosis deaths with the participation of the relevant ward doctors. For the transferred cases, it would be beneficial to invite the medical officers of the relevant hospitals also for the reviews (those who involved in the management) and the Regional Epidemiologist will assist you in this process.

The main objective of the leptospirosis mortality review should be to identify the factors contributed to the deaths and to take remedial actions at both field and institutional levels. This is to identify the shortcomings in the system and to find solution to overcome them, and certainly not to find fault with any individuals. The reporting form which should be filled in advance and to be discussed at the review is enclosed. A final report to the Epidemiology Unit with the copies of the reporting forms filled by the clinicians would be the outcome envisaged.

Considering the national importance and sensitivity of the issue, in future both leptospirosis and dengue mortality reviews should be conducted together. Depending on the number of deaths you may decide on the frequency of these reviews. If you need any further clarification, please contact your area Regional Epidemiologist or Dr. N. Janakan, Consultant Epidemiologist at my unit.

Thanking you for your cooperation

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