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For Medical Officers and ANMs

Screening Pregnant Women
for HIV and Syphilis



The Government of India (GoI) is committed to Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission (EMTCT) of Syphilis and HIV

What

Universal screening of pregnant women (PW) for HIV and Syphilis

Where

All facilities and outreach sites such as at Village Health Sanitation & Nutrition Days (VHSNDs) sites

When

During the first visit (preferably in the first trimester)

How

By using HIV Whole Blood Finger Prick (WBFP) Kits and Syphilis Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR)/ Point of Care (POC) test kits

Do's

- ✓ Take informed consent from each PW
- ✓ Ensure privacy, confidentiality and safe custody of personal information and test results
- ✓ The test results should be handed over directly to the PW concerned or to a person authorized by her.
- ✓ Ensure, that all HIV screened reactive PW are linked to ICTC for further HIV confirmation
- ✓ Ensure institutional delivery and follow-up of all positive PW

Don'ts

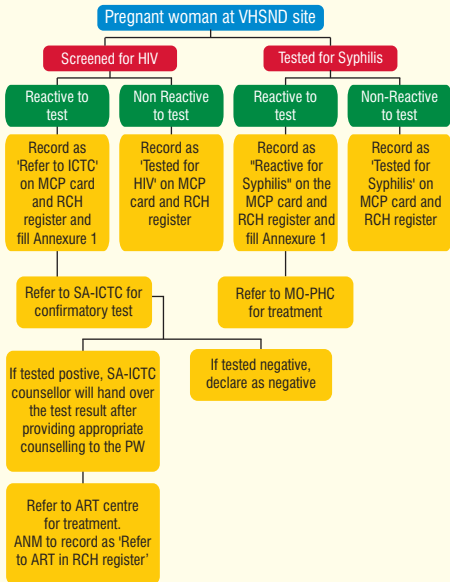
- ✗ no result should be conveyed over telephone, fax or email
- ✗ Non-disclosure of conversation between testing provider and PW without consent of person being tested.
- ✗ under no circumstances cold chain equipment for vaccination under UIP and HIV- Syphilis should be mixed. Both should follow their independent cold chain system
- ✗ Don't discriminate or stigmatize the clients irrespective of their HIV status.

Transportation of kits from the cold chain point up to the VHSND site

Kits shall be transported to VHSND site through the Alternate Vaccine Delivery (AVD) mechanism in vaccine carriers which should be 'GREEN'. All transportation of HIV and Syphilis kits should be carried out under proper cold chain process. This small vaccine carrier will have 1-2 L capacity. Refer detailed SOP for description of vaccine carrier and payment for AVD. The used kits shall be disposed according to the Bio Medical Waste Management guidelines.

For HIV and Syphilis screening, record and report through the following mechanisms -

- ▶ MCP Card and RCH register/ANMOL
- ▶ RCH portal & HMIS
- ▶ Reporting Format for pregnant women referred after HIV & Syphilis screening (Annex 1 & 2)* and Monthly Reporting format for F-ICTC (Annex 3)*
- ▶ F-ICTC SIMS report



**For Annexure 1,2 and 3 refer the detailed SOP*

- PHC MO should share line list and monthly report of reactive pregnant women (HIV/ Syphilis) with CHC / Block PHC MO and nearest FICT on Annex. 2 & 3. Block MO or designated officer by the State should share line list of reactive PW (Syphilis/HIV) for all VHSNDs with each linked SA- ICTC centre
- As per the HCTS guidelines, in the medical interest of an individual, their HIV status may be shared with other health care provider(s) involved in the treatment and care of that individual. The purpose of sharing information is to ensure that the individual receives better treatment and care. Confidentiality should be maintained during the process.
- In case the woman requires follow-up testing or support to reach ART Centre, the ICTC counsellor may inform the ANM at his/her discretion.

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