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Subject : Mandatory Implementation of Safe Injection Practices to Prevent Transmission of Blood-Borne Infections (i.e. HIV, HBV, HCV etc.)

The recent data and evidence from international and national settings depict that unsafe injection practice may result in outbreaks of HIV and other blood-borne infections. Such events are entirely preventable through strict adherence to standard infection prevention and control practices.

2. In view of the above, all the Medical Colleges are hereby advised to ensure full compliance to prevent the avoidable transmission of blood borne infections and adhere strictly and comply to the National Guidelines for Infection Prevention and Control. Measures such as hand hygiene, implementation of mandatory safe injection practices using only sterile, single-use needles and syringes with strict prohibition of reuse under all circumstances need to be enforced across all facilities. All sharps and injection-related waste need to be segregated and disposed of as per Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016.

3. All Medical Colleges may *progressively* adopt safety-engineered auto-disable syringes. The training to healthcare workers with competency assessments should be provided periodically. Any needle-stick injury / cluster of infections should be reported for investigation. Hospital authorities must ensure post-exposure prophylaxis as per NACO guidelines and conduct regular audits by in-charges and infection control teams.

4. Strict adherence to safe injection practices is a non-negotiable patient safety mandate. Any practice which can cause serious breaches of patient safety such as reuse, vial sharing without precautions, recapping, and improper sharps disposal must have zero tolerance.

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