

Guidelines for registering 2nd line ART:

The Director (IPR), Govt. of Manipur had forwarded the Press Clippings as quoted at the Huiyen Lanpao (English Daily) dt.7.12.2009 concerning the caption “**HIV/AIDS patients face problem in getting second line ART**” to the Commissioner, Health & FW, Govt. of Manipur details at PUC. In this connection, we may refer the Office Memorandum T-11020/85/2006-NACO(ART) dt.27th Nov., 2009 for Constitution of SACEP at the Centre of Excellence (COE) for providing 2nd Line ART Drugs re-iterate that role of SACEP has been expended to include alternative first line ART as well as pediatric second line ART. Team of SACEP as per guidelines are as follows :-

- i. Nodal Officer of COE
 - ii. One more ART Expert from the panel of names approved by NACO
 - iii. Regional Co-ordinator/JD(CST) at concerned SACS
 - iv. Pediatrician from COE and Nodal Officer from RPC (if there are pediatric patients on that particular day of SACEP Meeting).
2. Accordingly, the following members were constituted as Members of SACEP:-
- i. Dr.M.Kulachandra Singh, Nodal Officer, COE, RIMS – Chairman, SACEP
 - ii. Dr.Ng.Hemantakumar Singh, DD, CST, MACS – Member, SACEP
 - iii. Dr.K.Priyokumar, Nodal Officer, JNH – Member, SACEP
 - iv. Dr.S.Bhimo Singh, Prof. Medicine Dept, RIMS - External Expert, SACEP

3. The Term of Reference of SACEP are:

- Review and decide on all cases referred by the ART Centres- both for eligibility of viral load testing and starting 2nd line and alternative 1st line ART.
 - Meet at COE cases every Tuesday (next working day in case of a holiday. A maximum of 15-20 patients shall be reviewed at each meeting (old & new). However, if there are too few patients, the meeting may be deferred to the next week and if the number of patients is high, the meeting can be held twice a week.
 - Mentoring of ART Centres staff to ensure high quality case management of the PLHA on 2nd line ART/alternative 1st line by the referring ART Centre.
 - Document the registration and monitor progress of all patients suspected of treatment failure or toxicity sent for SACEP review .
 - The SACEP will follow the technical guidelines and operational protocols laid down by the NACO for 2nd line (Adult & pediatric) and alternative 1st line ART.
 - The SACEP will review the patient along with the records and those found to be in treatment failure as per clinical or immunological criteria shall be subjected to viral load test. Samples for viral load will be collected at the COE on the same day of review by SACEP and taken to the linked Viral Load Lab. by the lab technician within 4 hours. The SACEP will then review the viral load results in next meeting and decide on the management of the case. There will be a maximum of 15-20 patients at each review meeting. The SACEP will also decide on alternative 1st line based on patients’ records and examination of patient.
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- The SACEP members from outside the ART Centre/COE shall be entitled to reimbursement of their actual traveling expenses by taxi (with a maximum limit of Rs.500/- per visit.).
 - Once the decision is made by SACEP to provide 2nd line ART/alternative 1st line to the patient reviewed, the clinical management of the patient will be done as per operational guidelines for 2nd line/alternative 1st line ART.
 - The detailed operational & technical guidelines in this regard have been sent to the centres and linkages shall only after orientation of linked ART Centres has been done by the COE. All the ART centres of the entire North-Eastern states except Assam and Sikkim are linked to the COE, RIMS, Imphal.
 - All the ART Centres have been directed to follow the referral guidelines strictly so that there is no inconvenience to the patients.

4. The SACEP, COE, RIMS have been adhering the Term of Reference mentioned above.