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Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110 003
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Empanelment of hospitals for Cochlear Implant-Minutes of the Meeting of Core Group for Hearing Impaired held on 28.01.2015- forwarding of.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the meeting of the Core Group for Hearing Impaired taken by Joint Secretary (AKA) on 28.01.2015 for deciding empanelment of hospitals for cochlear implantation, for financial assistance under the revised ADIP Scheme.

2. Duly approved Minutes of the meeting is enclosed for information and appropriate action by all concerned.

Encl: As above



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PPS to JS (AKA)

Minutes of the meeting of Core Group for Hearing Impaired taken by Joint Secretary (AKA) on 28.01.2015 for deciding empanelment of hospitals for cochlear implantation.

A meeting of the Core Group for Hearing Impaired was taken by Joint Secretary (AKA) on 28.01.2015 in (Room No.517) Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi for deciding empanelment of hospitals for cochlear implantation, for financial assistance under the revised ADIP Scheme. List of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

2. At the outset, Joint Secretary (AKA) welcomed all the participants and urged the need for deciding empanelment of hospitals for cochlear implant at the earliest. He then requested Director, AYJNIHH to brief about the progress made in the matter. Director, AYJNIHH stated that he has compiled the list of hospitals who have responded to inviting EoI and shortlisted list of hospitals. The same was placed before the members. To this, JS (AKA) directed to incorporate in the list number of cochlear implant performed by concerned surgeon. It was also necessary to obtain name of mentor surgeon if the number of cochlear implant done by the individual surgeon is less than 25. Dr Arun Agarwal was of the view that the surgeon having less experience for doing cochlear implant surgery may also be considered but must have a Mentor also. In the meeting, there was a consensus that to begin with, only Central/State Government Hospitals and State Government approved private hospitals where the facility is not available, may be considered for empanelment. Director, AYJNIHH informed that this has been complied with and the list of hospitals to be empanelled as recommended by the Core Group has been updated and is at **Annexure-II**.
3. Dr. Hans informed that under CGHS there are no prescribed rates for surgery at present.
4. JS (AKA) also mentioned that AYJNIHH should sign MoU with each approved hospital, which has to be drafted by Director, AYJNIHH in consultation with Dr Arun Agarwal and Dr. Hans.
5. During the course of discussion, regarding failure rate of cochlear implant surgery, Dr Arun Agarwal and Dr. Hans stated that it varies from 7 to 17%. In 5% cases, revision surgery may be required because of damage to Cochlear Implant due to injury or infections.

6. The Committee noted the Minutes of meeting of Empowered Committee of Kerala Cochlear Implantation Scheme (Sruthitharangam) held on 30.05.2012, inter alia, contain the rates for surgery and auditory verbal rehabilitation, which is in Malayalam as at **Annexure-III**. Operational Guidelines of the Scheme issued by the Government of Kerala on 05.05.2014 is at **Annexure-IV**.

7. At present, there are no CGHS guidelines for surgery rates. Even though Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh and Kerala have their own guidelines for cochlear implant, after discussion, it was felt that Kerala model guidelines may be taken as a base.

8. After deliberations, the following decisions were taken in the meeting:

(i) To begin with, Cochlear Implant surgery to be conducted in Central/State Government Hospitals and in State approved private hospitals where the facility for Cochlear Implant surgery is not available in any particular State Government hospital.

(ii) It was decided to follow the Kerala Government Cochlear Implantation Scheme (Sruthitharangam) rates for cochlear implant surgery i.e. not more than Rs.60,000/- per beneficiary. The rate is certified by Director, AYJNIHH.

(iii) In the Kerala Model, for auditory verbal rehabilitation, the amount is Rs.50,000/- for 2 years (2 sessions per week). However, for auditory verbal rehabilitation it was decided that the amount may be not more than Rs.45,000/- per annum (3 sessions of 60 minutes) or prescribed rate of hospitals/speech therapist/special educators/AVT, whichever is less, as the beneficiary may be residing at a distance place from the location of surgery. Speech therapist/special educators/AVT have to be approved by AYJNIHH and the operating hospital.

(iv) In Kerala Model, charges for mapping have not been mentioned. As mapping of cochlear implant is very important, it was also decided to pay not more than Rs.8000/- per annum for minimum of 6 sessions of mapping with the interval of minimum one month. For subsequent year, mapping rates will be not more than Rs.4000/- per annum for next 2 years.

7. The meeting ended with Thanks to the Chair.