

GOVT. OF WEST BENGAL
Department of Health & Family Welfare
West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society
1st Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Block GN-29, Sector-V, Salt lake, Kolkata-700091

Memo No.: ACS/ 555

Date: 06-07-2015

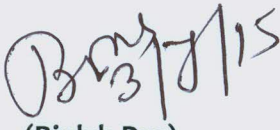
ORDER

Kala - Azar or Visceral Leishmaniasis (VL) is an endemic disease in West Bengal. Several studies in recent past, conducted by GOI & others, reported that HIV is prevalent among 2.5% of VL cases. These studies also showed that relapse rate with usual dose regime were high among HIV-VL co-infected cases. HIV-VL co-infected cases need treatment with higher dose of medicines / injection.

Considering the above, all patients who are diagnosed with VL (RDT for VL or otherwise) should be offered for HIV counseling and testing at ICTC and result of the HIV test needs to be communicated to the referring MO from the ICTC maintaining confidentiality. Lifelong ART will be started irrespective of CD4 count after 7-10 days completion of VL treatment.

In this respect, a circular has already been issued by the DHS&E.O. Secy. West Bengal, vide memo no. HIB.M/1K-34/166, dated 11th May 2015.

All concerned are being informed.


(Biplab Das)

Joint Secretary, DoH&FW and
Addl. Project Director, WBSAP&CS

Memo No.: ACS/ 555/1(10)

Date: 06-07-2015

Copy forwarded for information to:

1. The Secretary, DoH&FW & Project Director, WBSAP&CS
2. The Joint Director (Finance/BSA/TI/CST), WBSAP&CS
3. The Deputy Director (STI/Surveillance), WBSAP&CS
4. The Principal / MSVP / Superintendent, _____
5. The CMOH / Dy.CMOH-II, _____ (all district of West Bengal)
6. The Sr. MO / MO _____ (ARTCs of West Bengal)
7. The MOIC _____ (All DSRC & ICTC)
8. The DAPCU _____ (all concerned district)
9. _____
10. Guard file


(Biplab Das)

Joint Secretary, DoH&FW and
Addl. Project Director, WBSAP&CS