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DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ORDER
NO. 2005-0405

SUBJECT: Creation of the Council for the Clinical Management on Multi-drug Resistant Tuberculosis (MDRTB)

As per recommendation of the Green Light Committee (GLC) and the World Health Organization Headquarters (WHO-HQ), the Council for the Clinical Management of Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB Consilium) is created as a support framework for the mainstreaming of the DOTS Plus Project into the public's NTP-DOTS. The TB Consilium is part of the recommendation to expand the DOTS Plus Pilot project vis-a vis decentralization of the initial pilot site into the public health facility on a phase-by-phase approach. The MDR-TB Consilium shall serve as a venue for the discussion of issues regarding patient management (e.g. regimen design, management of adverse reactions, defaulter actions, enablers) through the consensus or agreement of its members.

The General Functions of the Council for the Clinical Management on MDR-TB are as follows:

1. Assess each MDR-TB patient including review and analysis of laboratory and clinical data.
2. Recommend appropriate treatment regimen as agreed upon by the members.
3. Monitor patient's response through the implementing health facility and provide technical assistance as necessary.
4. Evaluate treatment outcomes and implementation outputs of the implementing health facility.
5. Recommend to the technical working group (TWG) and DOTS Plus Task Force technical and operational inputs for the development of DOTS Plus policies and guidelines.

The Consilium is composed of members who have technical expertise on the line of managing multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, namely clinicians, radiologists, laboratory point persons involved in the DOTS Plus project:

Chair: Dr. Vivian S. Lofranco National Center for Disease Prevention and Control
Department of Health

Co-Chair:

Dr. Raoul C. Villarete Lung Center of the Philippines
Dr. Ma. Imelda D. Quelapio Tropical Disease Foundation

Members:

A. Department of Health

	Alternate	Facility
1. Dr. Nora S. Cruz	Dr. Noel Macalalad	Natl TB Reference Laboratory, RITM
2. Dr. Amelia Medina	Dr. Benilda de Gula	CHD-Metro Manila
3. Dr. Benilda Galvez	Dr. Jovencio Gonong	Lung Center of the Phil.
4. Dr. Joseph Obusan		Lung Center of the Phil.
5. Dr. Vincent Balanag		Lung Center of the Phil.
6. Mr. Laurence Laguindanum	Ms. Lucrecia Bongato	Lung Center of the Phil.

The following are invited members of the consilium:

B. Local Government Units

1. Dr. Carlo Madrid	Mrs. Feliza Tang	City Health Office Quezon City
2. Dr. Diana Jocelyn Vano	Mrs. Irene Lopez	City Health Office, Makati City

C. Non-government Organizations

1. Dr. Ruth Orillaza	Dr. Maricel Gler	Tropical Disease Foundation
2. Dr. Lualhati Macalintal	Dr. Laurence Raymond	Tropical Disease Foundation
3. Dr. Felix Barrera	Dr. Violeta Perez	Phil. Tuberculosis Society
4. Dr. Dr. Elizabeth Cadena		Phil. Tuberculosis Society
5. Dr. Anthony Alvarez		Phil. Tuberculosis Society
6. Mrs. Juliet Langkay		Phil. Tuberculosis Society

Advisers:

1. Dr. Thelma E. Tupasi
2. Dr. Camilo Roa

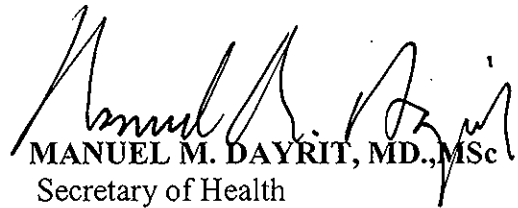
Secretariat:

1. Ms. Nona Rachel Mira
2. Ms. Rose Habana
3. Ms. Joy Contreras
4. Ms. Elenita Esmero

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The Consilium will convene every first Wednesday of the month. Under this Order, the above- mentioned members are authorized to perform task and functions relevant to this order other than their usual duties and responsibilities. All expenses incurred during the conduct of the council's functions such as meals during meetings, supplies and other incidental expenses related to the meeting shall be charged against the Global Funds for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) budget..

This Order shall take effect immediately.


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