



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

**DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

No. 2015- 0200

**TO :** DOH REGIONAL DIRECTORS – NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION,  
REGION VI, REGION X

**SUBJECT :** Implementation of the Operational Research Entitled, “Feasibility, Effectiveness and Safety of 9-Month Treatment Regimen for Multi Drug-resistant Tuberculosis in the Philippines”

**DATE :** June 15, 2015

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Please be informed that the Operational Research “Feasibility, Effectiveness and Safety of 9-Month Treatment Regimen for Multi Drug-resistant Tuberculosis in the Philippines” will be implemented on July 1, 2015 in the following facilities: (1) Lung Center of the Philippines – National Center for Pulmonary Research, Quezon City, (2) Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital, Caloocan City (3) Xavier University Community Health Care Center, Cagayan de Oro and (4) Western Visayas Medical Center, Ilo-Ilo City.

In this regard, the Lung Center of the Philippines research team, in coordination with the National TB Control Program and other Partners, will conduct a re-orientation on the study protocol and inception plan to the staff of the above mentioned treatment facilities on June 22-23, 2015. LCP-NCPR will send an invitation letter to the participants for further information and guidance on the venue.

Relative to this, the identified treatment facilities are hereby requested to participate in this landmark study.

For your information and compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vicente Y. Belizario Jr.", is written over the typed name.

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