



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
No. 2016- 0382

TO: DOH REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF REGION III AND IV

SUBJECT: Province-wide Implementation of Provider Initiated HIV Counseling and Testing in Pampanga and Cavite

In support to the Global END TB Strategy's target of achieving 100% HIV testing among TB patients (new and relapse) by 2025, the National TB Control Program (NTP), in collaboration with the National AIDS/ STI Prevention and Control Program (NASPCP), both of the Disease Prevention and Control Bureau will expand the provision of Provider Initiated HIV Counseling and Testing (PICT) from DOTS facilities outside Category A and B sites. This will be done in a phased manner starting with the Provinces of Pampanga and Cavite.

In view hereof, DOH Regional Offices III and IV are hereby directed to implement PICT in all DOTS facilities in the Provinces of Pampanga and Cavite, respectively once trained.

For information and compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health

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