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To:

All Provincial Directors of Health Services,
Deputy Provincial Directors of Health Services,
Directors of Teaching Hospitals,
Directors of Specialized Campaigns,
Director, N.I.H.S., Kalutara,
MO i/c/MOH Institutions,
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Proper use of Disposable sterile Surgical gloves

Disposable gloves are supplied to institutions in two types at present.

- a) **Sterile surgical gloves for surgical procedures**
- b) **Non sterile examination gloves for non surgical procedures**

According to statistics, consumption of sterile gloves is still very high despite adequate supplies of examination gloves are made available to institutions. It has been observed that use of sterile gloves for purposes that non sterile gloves could be used, has attributed to this very high consumption.

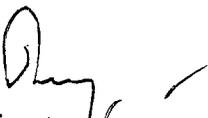
Please note that a pair of sterile gloves costs Rs. 17.34 while a pair of non sterile gloves costs only Rs. 8.48

As such use of sterile gloves for purposes that non sterile gloves could be used, amounts to wastage of funds.

Therefore issue and use of disposable gloves at institutions should be carried out on a realistic basis.

Heads of institutions should make arrangement to ensure that sterile gloves are provided to only to operation theatres and other units that sterile gloves are essential and non sterile examination gloves are provided for all non surgical procedures/ purposes.

Please bring the contents of this circular to all officers concerned in your institution/division.


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