General Circular 01-35/2012

All Provincial Directors of Health Services, All Regional Directors of Health Services, Director/National Institute of Health Sciences All Medical Officers/Maternal and Child Health Medical Officers of Health, Medical Officer in charge/Regional Training centres Chief Medical Officer Colombo MC

List of items required for Public Health Midwife (PHM) for provision of domiciliary care

The list of items required for PHM to provide good quality domiciliary care has been revised based on the current needs and the services provided by her. The revised list of items is given below. In future, please ensure that all PHMM have necessary items according to revised list. And also make necessary arrangements to remove unnecessary items from their inventories according to government regulations.

(A) General Items

- 1. Watch
- 2. Torch
- 3. Soap
- 4. Hand Towels 02
- 5. Clinical Thermometer
- 6. Suitable container to store these items

(B) Antenatal care

- 1. Pinnard Fetal stethoscope
- 2. Measuring tape

(C) Urine testing kit

- 1. Test tube rack
- 2. Test tube holder
- 3. Test tube 02
- 4. Pippets 02
- 5. Benedict's solution
- 6. Acetic acid
- 7. Spirit lamp
- 8. Box of matches
- 9. Brush made to clean the test tube (Locally prepared)
- 10. Rug to dry the test tubes

Or

Urine test strips (2 para) if available

(When urine strips are available, no need to carry urine testing kit)

(D) Home Delivery kit

- 1. Artery Forceps 02 (Kosher 140mm straight)
- 2. Kidney trays (stainless steel 8 inches) 02
- 3. Surgical Scissors 01
- 4. Umbilical cord Scissors 01
- 5. Sterilized gloves (disposable)- 02 pairs
- 6. Cord clamp 01
- 7. Towel GS 02

- 8. Sterilized gauze
- 9. Sterilized Cotton wool
- 10. Sterilized Pads 05
- 11. Thick polythene sheet (3' x 3')

Item 1 - 10 in (D) should be sterilized as a pack. Usually sterility will remain for 14 days. For resterlization local arrangement should be made.

- 12. Catheter 01 (Rubber 12 inches)
- 13. Small glass bottle with cap 01
- 14. Mask (reusable)
- 15. Plastic aprons 01

(E) Postnatal Home Visit:

- 1. Measuring tape
- 2. Gloves- 03 pairs (Disposable)
- 3. Artery forceps 03
- 4. Sterilized gauze
- 5. Sterilized Cotton wool

Gloves should be cleaned and sterilized. Artery forceps should be cleaned and boiled. Do not use used artery forceps without boiling. Keep separate bag for used items.

(E) IEC material;

Sets of

- 1. FP flash cards
- 2. Breast feeding flash cards
- 3. ECCD flash cards
- 4. Complementary feeding flash cards
- 5. Growth chart flash cards

(G) Records:

- 1. Pregnancy record A &B
- 2. Diary
- 3. CHDR B portion
- 4. FP field record (1154)

Note: Depending on the advance programme and planned home visits for the day, the PHM shall select the necessary equipment/ records to be carried to the field.

Please ensure that all relevant health staff in your area adheres to the above guidelines.

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