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**Sub: Guidelines/Protocol of dignified management of COVID -19 dead bodies-
Detailed protocol for shifting of suspected/confirmed COVID-19 dead
body from AIIMS hospital/ adjoining Center's to the Mortuary earmarked
for COVID-19 hospital viz. JPNA Trauma Center.**

Apropos above requisite protocol/ guidelines on dignified management of COVID -19 dead bodies has already been issued/ circulated by the Govt. of India vide their document dated 15.03.2020 as well by the Dept of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, AIIMS vide their document dated nil.

In accordance with the aforementioned approved protocol/ guidelines, a copy of flowchart is enclosed for information and compliance is enclosed for shifting of a suspected/ confirmed COVID-19 dead body from AIIMS Hospital/ CT Centre/ NS Centre / Dr BRAIRCH/ Dr R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences.

for shifting of suspected/confirmed COVID-19 dead body from hospital/ adjoining Center's to the Mortuary earmarked for COVID-19 hospital viz. JPNA Trauma Center.

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2. Medical Superintendent / Addl. M.S. of all centres.
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4. Prof. In-charge Computer Facility (with a request to forward to all Chief(s) of Centre, Head(s) & Faculties of all Departments through e-mail).
5. Chief Nursing Officer / Control Room.

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Shifting of suspected/confirmed COVID-19 dead body from AIIMS
joining centers to the mortuary earmarked for COVID-19 hospital viz.
Trauma Centre.

Information about death of patient:

Treating consultant/ Resident to be informed about the death of the patient by ANS/ Nursing Staffz

Documentation:

The Following documents must be filled in duplicate

1. Cause of death along with body hand over slip and death report by Resident of treating Unit

The documents are to be sent to Central Admission Office. However one body handover slip is retained in the ward by ANS.

Packing of dead body:

1. The Nursing Officer with the assistance from Hospital Attendant will pack the dead body.

The deceased must be placed in a zipped body bag immediately after death with identification tag marked 'COVID-19'.

2. Ensure that the body is fully sealed in an impermeable body bag before being removed from the isolation room or area, and before being transferred to the mortuary, to avoid leakage of body fluid.
3. The exterior of the body bag can be decontaminated with 1% hypochlorite. The body bag can be wrapped with a mortuary sheet

Shifting of deadbody to JPNATC mortuary:

1. ANS will Inform the mortuary to arrange the hearse van to receive the deadbody from Ward/ ICU
2. Mortuary attendant collects the stamped body handover slip from Central Admission Office.
3. The Mortuary attendant handover the slip to Nursing personnel in the ward/ ICU
4. Mortuary attendant takes handover of the body and shifts the body to JPNATC Mortury in the hearse van
5. Disinfection of hearse van is to be done with freshly prepared 1% Sodium Hypochlorite solution for a minimum period of 10 minutes after transporting the deadbody by Mortuary Attendant

Personal protective equipment (PPE) required for handling COVID-19 confirmed/suspect dead bodies:

1. Wear a disposable, long-sleeved, cuffed gown; if the outside of the body is visibly contaminated with body fluids, excretions, or secretions, ensure that this gown is waterproof.
2. If no waterproof gown is available, wear a waterproof apron in addition to the gown.
3. If splashing of body fluids is anticipated, use facial protection: preferably a face shield, or if not, goggles and a medical mask to protect the eyes and mucous membranes.
4. Perform hand hygiene after taking off the PPE.
5. Use PPE for heavy-duty tasks (e.g. rubber gloves, rubber apron and resistant closed shoes) in addition to regular PPE.