



Republic of the Philippines  
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Center for Health Development



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**Adoption of PSMID Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) on COVID-19 in All Hospitals and Health Facilities, Both Public and Private**  
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In order to better respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a need to enhance protocols on the clinical management of COVID-19 cases to improve patient outcomes. Hence the DOH has adopted the Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) on COVID-19 by the Philippine Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (PSMID) under Department Memorandum No. 2020-0138 dated March 31, 2020.

The above memorandum enjoins all to use the PSMID's CPG on COVID-19 in the clinical management of COVID-19 cases in all hospitals and health facilities, both public and private, subject to continuous update by the Society.

Therefore, and in compliance with the above memorandum, the DOH-EVCHD is hereby adopting the PSMID's CPG on COVID-19 (a copy of which is attached herewith) for the management of COVID-19 cases within the Region.

Let the Records Officer III facilitate wide dissemination of this Advisory and of DOH Memorandum No. 2020-0138, for the guidance of all concerned.

So ordered.

  
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**DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

No. 2020 - 0138

**TO: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, SERVICES AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT; MINISTER OF HEALTH - BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS AND NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL; DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PHILIPPINES INSTITUTE OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINE AND ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND INSTITUTES; PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION; DIRECTORS OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL SECRETARIAT AND TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: Adoption of PSMID Clinical Practice Guidelines on COVID-19**

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was first reported in Wuhan City, China in December 2019 as a cluster of pneumonia cases of unknown etiology. With the increasing number of cases and deaths in various territories, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 as a pandemic last March 11, 2020.

As of March 29, 2020, the Philippines has recorded 1,500 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 77 deaths and 42 recoveries. This highlights the need to enhance protocols on the clinical management of COVID-19 cases to improve patient outcomes. Hence, the DOH hereby adopts the Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) on COVID-19 by the Philippine Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (PSMID). (See *Annex A*)

PSMID's CPG on COVID-19 shall be used in the clinical management of COVID-19 cases in all hospitals and health facilities, both public and private, subject to continuous update by the society.

Dissemination of the above information is requested.

  
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