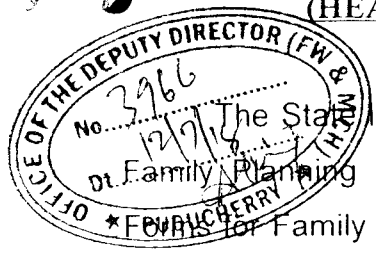


MINUTES OF THE STATE LEVEL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE
(PUDUCHERRY REGION) HELD ON 20.06.2018 at 09.30 AM IN THE
CHAMBER OF THE CHAIRMAN-CUM-SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
(HEALTH), CHIEF SECRETARIAT, PUDUCHERRY.



The State Level Quality Assurance Committee Meeting for "Implementation of Indemnity Scheme –Reports on Sterilization Failure and Claim for Family Planning Insurance Scheme and Accreditation to Private Hospital for Family Welfare Programme" was convened in the Chamber of the Chairman-cum-Secretary (Health), Chief Secretariat 20.06.2018 at 09.30 AM to discuss about the Maternal Death (21.03.2018) of Tmt.Geethalakshmi W/o Govindan at RGGWCH, Puducherry following caesarean section with bilateral partial tubectomy (sterilization).

At the outset the Member Secretary welcomed all the members of the Committee and team of the doctors who attended on the patient and present now in the meeting and gave a brief explanation about the case history to be discussed with.

The Member Secretary informed that the deceased patient was a resident of Villupuram district near Kallakuruchi, Tamil Nadu. And the patient had history of scattered check ups during her pregnancy and the complete history of the patient was not available in toto. In the last trimester/month, the patient had attended OPD at RGGWCH and being anemic was also admitted and treated for anemia and discharged with advice to continue treatment at her place of residence, since her previous operation was done there and details were unavailable with us. She however came back and was admitted for delivery.

The Anaesthetist Dr.G.Sreenivasan HOD (Anaes) narrated the complete treatment history of patient right from the time of admission to the end. Dr.G.Subashini, Specialist Gr II (SS)(OG) who was also in the treatment team supplemented by detailing the medical and surgical efforts and procedure of treatment given to the patient as life saving measures. After LSCS with streilization, the patient underwent relaparotomy proceeded with sub- total hysterectomy for atonic post partum haemorrhage refractory to medical measures.

Director of Health and Family Welfare Services on his part explained that the failure of uterus contraction leads to atonic PPH and disseminated intravascular coagulopathy. Further, the team briefed that intensive post operative monitoring was also maintained and round the clock extra duty team arranged to take care of patient with all supportive measures – IV fluids, adequate blood and blood products, mechanical ventilation and ionotropes. Patients condition had also begun to improve post the second surgery but subsequently despite the best efforts, the patients suffered Global hypokinesia and poor ventricular contractility of heart –Peripartum Cardiomyopathy.

Member Secretary –cum- Medical Superintendent (RGGWCH) also put forth the practical difficulty of not having a permanent physician and cardiologist and surgeon which creates a helpless situation at times of crisis. and the on call physician/cardiologists from IGGGH&PGI, Puducherry are unable to reach the destination quickly enough in during crisis situation. Dr.Valsa Diana, Specialist Gr I (O& G) and the Facilitator Nodal Officer for Maternal Death informed the timely unavailability of surgeons too in times of need.

Chairman- Cum- Secretary (Health) instructed Director of Health and Family Welfare Services to immediately transfer/ service place two doctors i.e. the surgeon and the Physician from Dental College(MGDC) to RGGWCH within 24 hours. The Director of Health and Family Welfare Services should also instruct the Cardiologist on call from IGGGH&PGI should be available to opine/ treat the emergency patients with suspected cardiac disorder in RGGWCH. These measures will contribute to help reduce maternal morbidity and mortality and stabilising patients before safe transfer to higher institutions. Deputy Director (FW) asked what are the avoidable factors identified during this maternal death review at facility (RGGWCH) level. DD(FW) asked for a complicated and prolonged surgery on a anaemia treated pregnant woman blood was not given in the operation. Blood was asked in operative time and started immediately post operatively as further obstetrics emergencies for surgical management were already line up. This was already taken up in Facility Level meeting and it was insisted hereafter all such patients blood was requested for timely. And he also pointed out that regular Ante Natal Check ups

should be done for all patients in I Trimester in Puducherry. Deputy Director (Family Welfare) informed about the statistical data of Maternal Death/per annum (66/ 1 Lakh live births) and about the Immunisation ratio as per NHFS data Rural : 93.5% & Urban 95.5%. Chairman has also directed the Director (Health) that cross/ state border meetings should be conducted periodically to create awareness and for regular exchange of information. The Primary Health Centres and all private medical institution are to be included in the HMIS. The statistical informations may be passed on via electronic media such as smart phones, etc.,

Deputy Director (Family Welfare) also informed that the Sterilisation Failure Claims of the last Quality Assurance Committee meeting are pending settlement for want of funds and the Chairman instructed to submit the file for process

It was also discussed that the statistics reveals that there was 27 Maternal Deaths/2017-18 (one Year) out of 40,000 deliveries in UT of Puducherry. Being a Union Territory and a small state, Chairman encouraged even further reduction in Mortality ratio for both maternal and child, infant, new born population.

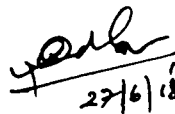
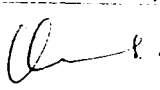



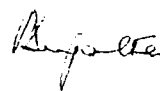
Medical Supdt, RGGWCH replied that 50-60 % of patients treated at RGGWCH come from Tamil Nadu and in this set of patients difficulties such as inadequate past history and previous treatments details, absence of responsible patient's attendant also hamper an effective management.

Member Secretary further informed that there are DNB PGs working in the hospital and the senior DNB students are allowed to conduct LSCS under proper guidance and supervision of the Unit Chiefs and Senior Doctors. By the time, they are well versed with the procedures, they leave the hospital on completion of their course and that creates the loss of experienced hands. The next fresh batch of DNB PGs will again be retrained and the cycle continues. Despite so much effort, we do not get to experience the benefit. And shortage of man power especially Medical Officers in the OG and Anaesthesia wing is acutely felt. Responding to this, Chairman suggested to moot out a proposal to National Board for retaining the trained and course completed PGs for one more year after their usual course duration to ameliorate the well-trained man power shortage to some extent.

Nodal Officer for Maternal Death Dr.G.Valsa Diana informed that periodical Maternal Death Review meetings are also conducted on a monthly basis in RGGWCH and after each audit the necessary corrective/additional measures if any recorded and conveyed to all Doctors in Hospital.

On conclusion, Chairman-cum-Secretary (Health) further hoped to bring down the MMR and IMR Ratio in the UT of Puducherry.

After the above discussion the payment of Rs. 2 Lakh as compensation for death following sterilization (Sec 1A) is validated by the ~~Chairman cum Secretary~~ ^{State Level Quality Assurance Committee} (Health): Of this with the approval of Competent Authority Rs.50,000 has been paid initially through ECS out of the RKS funds of Hospital on 05.06.2018. The balance of Rs.1,50,000 is to be paid from State fund/NHM fund.

(i)	Dr.V. Candavelou, I.A.S., Secretary to Govt. (Health)	-	Chairman	 27/6/18
(ii)	Dr.K.V.Raman Director (Health)	-	Member	 22-2-18
(iii)	Thiru N.Murugavel Under Secretary (Law)	-	Member	
(iv)	Dr.Dasari Papa, Project Director, PPP Progm JIPMER, Puducherry	-	Member	(Not attended)
(v)	Dr. G. Sriramulu, HOD(Surgery) IGGGH&PGI, Puducherry	-	Member	(Not attended)
(vi)	Dr. G. Sreenivasan, HO D (Anaesthesia), RGGW&CH, Puducherry	-	Member	
(vii)	Dr.J.Allirani Deputy Director (FW & MCH)	-	Member	" 
(viii)	Tmt. K. Mallika, Nursing Supdt Gr I RGGW&CH, Puducherry	-	Member	(Not attended)
(ix)	Dr. P.Sujatha, Medical Supdt,RGGW&CH, Puducherry	-	Member Secretary	

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.