Date: 17/04/2020
To:
All Healthcare Facilities
All Healthcare Professionals

Subject: Investigation and discharge of confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Greetings,

Please note that for all confirmed cases of COVID-19 the following tests are required:

1- Repeat of COVID-19 PCR after admission. If the second sample is negative then a repeat test is required after 24 hours of the collection of the second sample.

2- Blood Type for all confirmed cases is to be determined.

3- It is mandatory to collect the following samples to be sent to SKMC lab with clear labeling that it is for positive COVID-19 case:
   - Blood sample in EDTA tubes
   - Urine sample
   - Stool sample

Healthcare facilities shall consider early management for suspected cases of COVID-19 if they developed moderate or severe symptoms, based on medical assessment and evaluation of the treating physician.

We recommend assigning specialized fever clinics for COVID-19 cases assessment and treatment of patients with the following minimum requirements:

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All healthcare facilities are mandated to discharge patients with positive COVID-19 after two consecutive negative tests of COVID-19 and confirmation that symptoms have completely resolved.

The following advises to be provided to patients upon discharge:

- Patient must be advised to stay home for 14 days after discharge and follow up if he/she noticed any relapse (noticed any respiratory symptoms).
- Advise the patient to keep distance from household and avoid close contact with any family member with high risk factors.
- 14 days sick leave is recommended for all discharged patients.

We hope that all will adhere to the above, for the best interest of work.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation...