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**Appointment of Designated Officer for Surveillance of Cancers (Cancer Registration) at the Cancer Treatment Centers**

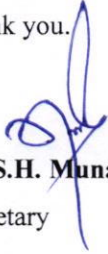
Surveillance of cancers is a process of systematic, continuous collection, storage, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of epidemiological information on reportable malignancies. The information generated from cancer surveillance is necessary for planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating cancer control activities in the country including physical and human resource allocation. Therefore, comprehensive and timely information need to be generated through the surveillance of cancers.

The main source of cancer surveillance data is generated at the cancer treatment centres. The 'National Cancer Surveillance Form' (H 1256) is introduced to ensure collection of relevant details for cancer surveillance (*Patient Details, Tumour details including treatment & follow up details*) at the oncology, onco-surgery and gynae oncology clinics of cancer treatment centres. Until the hospital electronic patient management system is introduced, the cancer surveillance data need to be entered to the 'CanReg 5' electronic surveillance data base at each cancer centre. Therefore, it is essential to appoint a designated officer for surveillance of cancers under the supervision of Director /MS of the hospital and respective Consultant Oncologists / Onco-surgeons / Gynae-oncologists.

At the National Advisory Committee on Prevention & Control of Cancers held on 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2020, it was decided to appoint a designated nursing officer / development officer to conduct and coordinate cancer surveillance activities at cancer treatment centres. Therefore, you are advised to appoint a designated nursing officer / development officer to conduct and coordinate cancer surveillance activities at the cancer treatment centres as early as possible. The details of the designated officer need to be informed to the Director / National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP). Director – NCCP will arrange necessary training for the designated officer.

The Medical Officer (Public Health) and Medical Officer (Health Informatics) should facilitate and monitor the process of cancer surveillance until the Medical Officer (Cancer Control) is appointed to each cancer treatment unit.

Thank you.



**Dr. S.H. Munasinghe**

Secretary

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2. Dr. S. Sridharan, Director General of Health Services (Covering up)
3. Dr. Champika Wickramasinghe, Deputy Director General – Non-Communicable Diseases
4. Dr. Janaki Vidanapathirana, Acting Director – National Cancer Control Programme: Coordinate with the relevant Hospital