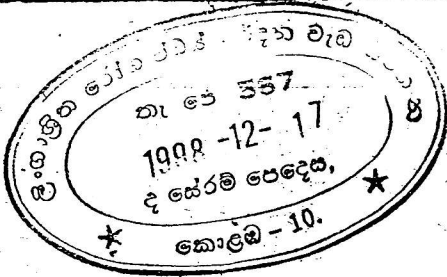


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MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS INFECTED WITH HUMAN IMMUNE DEFICIENCY VIRUS

It is the policy of the Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medicine that all HIV/AIDS infected persons requiring institutional care be managed in the general wards. Based on this policy decision, the following procedures should be adopted.

- All persons with HIV related diseases should be managed in the general wards (medical, surgical or any other speciality) in Colombo and in out-stations.
- Patients with infectious complications requiring barrier nursing, eg. pulmonary TB, diarrhoea, discharging wounds etc. may be transferred to the Infectious Diseases Hospital IIE Angoda. Wherever facilities are available, such patients too should be managed in the respective health care institutions.
- Chronically ill patients should be encouraged to be managed at home in the community.

Please refer to General Circular Letter No.4521 for the clinical care definition for AIDS and for procedures to be followed when requesting a HIV antibody test.

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