

දුරකථන தொலைபேசி
Telephone

අධ්‍යක්ෂ இயக்குனர்
Director

කර්තෘ 2667163
காரியாலயம் 2667029
Office 2696433

Fax
ලැක්ස් 5336873
பெக்ஸ்



ලිංගාශ්‍රිත රෝග/ජීවික රෝග වැඩසටහන
பாலுறவுநோய்/எய்ட்ஸ் தடுப்பு வேலைத்திட்டம்
STD/AIDS CONTROL PROGRAMME

29 ද සේරම් පෙදෙස/29, டி.சேரம் பிளேஸ் /29, De Saram Place
තැ.පෙ.567, පෙ.இல /P.O. Box 567
කොළඹ 10 (ශ්‍රී ලංකාව) කොழும்பு 10 (இலங்கை)
Colombo 10 (Sri Lanka)

මගේ අංකය எமது இல
My No - NSACP/ARV/12/1

ඔබේ අංකය
Your No -

දිනය -
திகதி
Date - 04.10.2012

To all the MOOic STD Clinics

Internal Circular – National STD/AIDS Control Program
The strategic use of antiretroviral drugs

Further to meeting at the Senior Management Team (SMT) on ~~October~~ 3, 2012 and ratified on the same day at the sub committee meeting of the Care & Treatment of the National AIDS Committee the following decisions were arrived at. These decisions were abstracted from WHO publication “The strategic use of antiretrovirals to help end the HIV Epidemic” 2012.

1. By 2012, HIV prevention benefits of ART had prompted WHO to add sero discordant couples to the list of people deemed eligible for ART regardless of their CD4+ counts.
2. At the same time there is an increasing trend towards offering ART to all HIV +ve pregnant women for life, irrespective of CD4+ cell count (“Option B+”). Decreasing ART costs and likely clinical and programmatic advantages are encouraging this trend.
3. It is biologically plausible that ART would also reduce the risk of HIV transmission in populations other than heterosexual couples. Even though the magnitude of that effect may differ, an offer of ART irrespective of CD4+ cell count therefore could also be considered for key populations in settings with high HIV transmission rates (including for HIV-positive sex workers, men who have sex with men, transgender women and people who inject drugs).
4. It was also decided that Beach Boys and prison inmates who are HIV positive should also be offered ART irrespective of their CD4+ cell counts.

Dr. N. Edirisinghe.
Director.

Cc: Dr. K. Buddhakorale, Coordinator HIV care and Treatment.