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**Sub: DO letter to the States on Pediatric DR-TB patients**

As you are aware, Pediatric DR-TB patients diagnosed in pediatric/ other departments are to be initiated on appropriate DR-TB regimen as per the current Guidelines for PMDT in India. It has come to the notice of Central TB Division that many a times the pediatricians find it challenging to admit the Pediatric DR-TB patients in the DR-TB center wards.

Hence, you are requested to direct all DR-TB Centers in the state that whenever any child with any form of DR-TB needs to be admitted for pre-treatment evaluation and management as per PMDT guidelines, the child should be managed in the existing DR-TB wards.

In addition, all DR-TB Centers in the state must proactively engage the available Pediatricians (in house/ honorary) in the DR-TB Center committee for the management of pediatric DR-TB patients.

This may be taken with high priority to improve quality of care of children suffering from DR-TB in India.

With Regards,

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To,

- STOs (All States/ UTs)
- Nodal person, Nodal DRTB Centres (All)
- CTD officers & CTD Consultants
- WHO NPOs, Regional Team Leads and NTEP TSN Consultants