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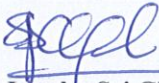
Operational Guidelines for Breast Clinics

An "Operational Guideline for Breast Clinics 2022" is prepared with the partnership of relevant stakeholders and it is intended to provide guidance on establishing and functioning breast clinics in government hospitals. This was prepared further to the letter issued by Secretary to Health in 2020.10.20 regarding the establishment of Breast Clinic facilities islandwide

Breast cancer represents the highest incidence out of all cancers among women, and if it is detected at an early stage, it has a higher survival rate. The breast clinics were started at several major hospitals as per the decision taken at National Advisory Committee on Prevention and Control of Cancers in 2020, aiming to facilitate the early detection of breast cancer and to ensure timely diagnosis and treatment. At present, more than 20 breast clinics are functioning in the country, and the expansion of breast clinics is an urgent necessity to improve cancer care in the country.

Therefore, I kindly request all institutional heads of Base Hospitals and above, (with consultant Surgeons/ Consultant Oncological Surgeons) to initiate breast clinics at your institutions from January 2023.

This operational guideline for breast clinics 2022 is attached herewith and it is intended for all the healthcare staff establishing and conducting breast clinics to provide high-quality and timely specialized care services for women who present with breast-related complaints. The National Cancer Control Programme, Ministry of Health will be the technical focal point for breast clinics and will monitor the functions through periodic returns and reviews.


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