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Office order

During the COVID pandemic, it seems prudent that all members of the SGPGI faculty and other cadres should share the burden of COVID care to the best of their capabilities.

Medical Education, Govt of UP vide its office order no. 726/71-1-2021-G-2382014 TC-5 dated 18.05.2021, has instructed that such HCWs who are more than 60 years in age will not be ordinarily be put on active COVID duties, except in unavoidable circumstances. Some faculty members have also been exempted on medical grounds from active COVID duties by the Special Medical Board. However, this group of doctors can very well shoulder some responsibilities towards COVID care, in areas that do not pose a direct threat to their health.

Today, there is an urgent need to provide advice for the post-COVID medical problems to patients, SGPGI HCWs and their family members who have recovered from COVID. Besides, the COVID-recovered HCWs need guidance with the process of quarantine, re-testing, medical certification, medical leaves and joining back on duties.

Hence in view of the above, the following decisions are taken in the interest of patients as well as Health Care Workers of the Institute:-

1. Roster committee is directed to now redesign the roster and include Pathology faculty from Pathology Department, Pathology faculty from Hematology Department & Microbiology faculty (Not involved in COVID/Virology Lab) from Microbiology Department who were so far left out of the roster on a priority basis so that faculty members who have been doing COVID duties number of times over last year get some respite.
2. Non-medical faculty from Stem Cell/Hematology Department, Molecular Medicine Department and basic scientist faculty in various department like Urology, Neurology, Nuclear Medicine, Endocrinology etc. should be included in COVID Lab Roster.
3. The group of senior faculty members (exempted on basis of age) and those who are medically exempt from active COVID duties, henceforth called **COVID Advisory Pool (CAP)** may be utilized in the following important areas of COVID care, as detailed under:
 - a. **COVID Administration work:**

One faculty members each as Nodal Faculty for HDU's, isolation ward, private ward, ICU's, in RCH 1 and HDU and ICU in RCH 2 (total 12). They shall help:

 - i. *Manage daily ward logistics* e.g. issues related to staffing and coordinate with Consultant/resident who is posted there
 - ii. *Liaise with HRF* if any issue comes up related to HRF inventory
 - iii. *Ensuring availability and serviceability of the equipment and ward, infrastructure.*
 - iv. *Data management*
 - b. The CAP shall help devise guidelines for testing/ re-testing for COVID.

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c. **Post COVID clinic: which shall run in a hybrid (Physical/ face-to-face and tele-OPD) 6 days a week in OPD area**

- i. Will be run by 5 doctors from CAP, and a team of nurses, paramedical staff.
- ii. Shall provide comprehensive care for post-COVID symptoms to SGPGI HCWs & family members, and other patients discharged from RCH.
- iii. The CAP doctors will co-ordinate with, and assist the Departmental HCW surveillance committees in the home based management of HCWs, and will advise them to join back after completion of minimum quarantine period (7 days for high-risk contact, and 14 days for COVID infection by self).
- iv. HCWs who have completed minimum quarantine due to high-risk contact or due to COVID infection who desire to extend their quarantine/ medical leave would be examined at the Post-COVID clinic. The doctors of CAP group (P.T.O.)
- v. would recommend the HCW to join back duties, or re-testing, or medical leave, issue medical certificates for purpose of medical leaves and provide advice and treatment for post-COVID symptoms/ problems, as may be necessary in individual case.
- vi. If need for Inter-departmental referrals/ consultations with other specialties of SGPGI is felt by the CAP doctors, it may only be done after at least one in-person visit to the post COVID clinic.

Compliance of the office order may be ensured by all concerned.

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