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AN ORDER ADOPTING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2018-0013, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON THE MANAGEMENT OF RABIES EXPOSURES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANDA, PANGASINAN.

WHEREAS, rabies is a fatal disease in developing countries where immunization and control of dogs are inadequate. In view of the 100% case of fatality of human rabies, the prevention of rabies infection after exposure is of utmost importance;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH), having committed itself to the prevention of human deaths due to rabies, provides vaccines to high risk exposed patients for Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) through the Animal Bite Treatment Centers (ABTCs). In 1997, the National Rabies Prevention and Control Program introduces the intradermal (ID) administration of rabies cell culture and embryonated egg-baes vaccines (CCEEV), an economical regimen that reduces the cost of PEP by as much as 60-80%. The DOH maintains the use of intradermal regimen for PEP at the ABTCs. The DOH procures human anti-rabies vaccines which are registered by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration (FDA), listed in the Philippine National Drug Formulary and prequalified by the World Health Organization (WHO).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOGANIE C. RARANG, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law as Municipal Mayor of Anda, Pangasinan, do hereby order to all Local and Barangay Health Workers to adopt these treatment guidelines to ensure standard and rational management of rabies exposures. Private practitioners in the locality are strongly encouraged to adopt these treatment guidelines.

SECTION 1. GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- A. Management of animal bite cases, including provision of human rabies vaccine, is a joint responsibility of the Department of Health and Local Government Units.
- B. Rabies Control Program shall be integrated to the regular health services provided by local health facilities of bite victims, as a measure.
- C. PEP and PrEP shall be carried out by Local Government Units through the Animal Bite Treatment Centers with the technical and logistical assistance from the Department of Health.
- D. Funding requirements needed for management of rabies exposures and pre-exposure prophylaxis and for operational systems shall be planned, secured and allotted for by the implementing agencies, particularly, the Department of Health and the Local Government Units.
- E. Advocacy through information dissemination and training of health workers shall be conducted at all levels.
- F. Collaboration and coordination among government agencies, non-government and private organizations to ensure successful implementation shall be strengthened.



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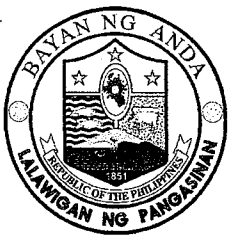
SECTION 2. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURE:

A. Management of Potential Rabies Exposure

1. Initiation of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) shall not be delayed for any reason regardless of interval between exposure and consultation as it increases the risk of rabies and it is associated with treatment failure.
2. Immediate washing of the bite wound/ exposed area with soap and water and application of an antiseptic solution reduces the risk of rabies transmission.
3. There are no absolute contraindications to rabies PEP. Patients allergic to a specific vaccine/RIG or its components shall be given the alternative vaccine/RIG.
4. Table shows the categories of exposure to a rabid animal or to an animal suspected to be rabid, with their corresponding management guidelines:

Table 1. Categories of Rabies Exposure with Corresponding Management

Category of exposure	Management
<p><u>CATEGORY I</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Feeding/touching and animal b) Licking of intact skin (with reliable and thorough physical examination) c) Exposure to patient with signs and symptoms of rabies by sharing of eating or drinking utensils d) Casual contact (talking to, visiting and feeding suspected rabies cases) and routine delivery of health care to patient with signs and symptoms of rabies 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wash exposed skin immediately with soap and water. 2. No vaccines or RIG needed. 3. Pre-exposure prophylaxis may be considered for high risks persons.
<p><u>CATEGORY II</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Nibbling of uncovered skin with or without bruising/hematoma b) Minor/superficial scratches/abrasions without bleeding, including those induced to bleed c) All Category II exposures on the head and neck area are considered Category III and shall be managed as such. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wash wound with soap and water. 2. Start vaccine immediately. 3. Complete vaccination regimen until Day 7 regardless of the status of the biting animal. 4. RIG is not indicated.



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CATEGORY III

- a) Transdermal bites (puncture wounds, lacerations, avulsions) or scratches/ abrasions with spontaneous bleeding
- b) Licks on broken skin or mucous membrane
- c) Exposure to a rabies patient through bites, contamination of mucous membranes (eyes, oral/nasal mucosa, genital/anal mucous membrane) or open skin lesions with body fluids splattering and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.
- d) Unprotected handling of infected carcass
- e) Ingestion of raw infected meat
- f) Exposure to bats
- g) All Category II exposures on head and neck area

- 1. Wash wound with soap and water.
- 2. Start vaccine and RIG immediately.
- 3. Completer vaccination regimen until Day 7 regardless of the status of the biting animal.

SECTION 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision of the Order be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions unaffected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders, proclamations, rules, regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any provision of the Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain effective during the period of Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) until revoked or amended.

DONE, in Anda, Pangasinan, this 5th day of October 2020, in the Municipality of Anda, Pangasinan.


JOGANIE D. RARANG
Municipal Mayor