

COVID-19 outbreak prevention project-DGH Nawalapitiya

Our project Objectives were based on our hospital values (quality & safety, teamwork, compassionate care, accountability) Which are to provide quality and safe covid 19 infection prevention and control services to the general public ,To strengthen the teamwork among the hospital staff while combating the covid 19,To establish a compassionate care for all customers seeking healthcare from the hospital during the period, To be accountable regarding the service provision.

We have completed activities in the project with relevant to the co components of IPC. At First we Established the steering committee and decisions made at the steering committee were clearly and promptly communicated up to the bottom level of the patient care delivery system, Establishment of the triage system and a designated nursing officer was taking a small history with the help of a medical officer to identify the suspected cases and direct them to the isolation area. According to the health ministry guidelines properly functioning isolation area was established to prevent patient contamination, and to maintain patient safety. Establishment of the isolation unit for borderline patients and we converted the area in a medical ward as the intermediate unit and the main responsibility of patient care was done by the respective unit. Patient and staff education done through descriptive banners and posters were displayed in very simple language to educate the patients regarding COVID-19 outbreak prevention and control, Public participation was given to continue the project through donation of PPE and N95 masks, Finally Progress review of the project was done through daily progress review at the OPD through quick meetings and direct observations, daily ward reviews, Situational decision making for continuation, Steering Committee meetings weekly to review project activities. Innovative approach of our project done by establishing an appointment system to prevent congestion in clinics and a designing a clinic drug record book to eliminate non-value-added steps in the clinic to reduce patient waiting time and congestion. Sustainability of the project was done by commitment of the top-level managers and with regular and frequent review of the project. With all of these steps we could success Covid 19 outbreak prevention project in our hospital.



