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Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(Immunization Division)

Dated: 13th May, 2014
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

To,

All State EPI Officers

Subject: Involving private reporting units (private hospitals, clinics etc.) including member paediatricians of Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) presently reporting under IDSurv network of IAP in reporting serious AEFI surveillance network- reg.

Dear All,

As you are aware that monitoring and surveillance of Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) is an important activity to build confidence on the National Immunization Program. As per the National AEFI Guidelines, a serious AEFI is defined as any untoward medical incident which follows immunization and which does not necessarily have a causal relationship with the usage of the vaccine. By definition it includes all reports of death, hospitalization, disability or prolonged disability or community concern. All such serious AEFIs need to be reported immediately for investigation by the District and State Immunization officials.

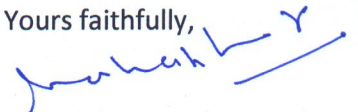
The Govt. of India has made extensive efforts to strengthen AEFI surveillance system in the country and one of the key challenges is involving the private sector in AEFI reporting. The Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) has an IAP-IDSurv portal where practising paediatricians are reporting serious AEFIs (as well as infectious diseases). Since the National AEFI Surveillance program also aims to capture these reports it will be useful to receive these reports from IAP members to strengthen AEFI surveillance.

You are therefore requested to collaborate with and involve private hospitals/doctors/clinicians especially IAP members at state /district levels so as to capture AEFI cases reported by them in our system i.e. receive notifications of serious AEFIs from the members of IDSurv to be considered as part of the First Information Reports(FIR) as reporting sites. The line list of some of the regularly reporting Paediatricians under IDSurv project, as provided by IAP is enclosed along with contact details.

Further, you may also involve the IAP members in other aspects of AEFI Surveillance by nominating IAP representatives as members in the District and State AEFI Committees.

Encl: List of paediatricians regularly reporting through IDSurv network as provided by IAP

Yours faithfully,



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