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**Subject:** All oral drug regimens for DR-TB

Dear *madam/sir*,

Drug-resistant TB is one of the major challenges to achieving the National Strategic Plan (NSP) goal of ending TB in India. With India's commitment to end TB by 2025, combating drug resistant TB will be essential to meet this ambitious target.

NTEP had envisaged to have injection free regimen for the treatment of all types of TB patients (DS-TB as well as DR-TB). This patient friendly measure will avoid visits to health facility for injections and help in compliance.

In the year 2021, the ministry had approved implementation of all oral MDR/RR-TB regimen in phased manner to replace the shorter injectable containing MDR/RR-TB regimen to eligible patients as per the Guidelines for PMDT in India issued in March 2021. This was introduced in selected geographies and gradually expanded to cover entire country.

You are requested to direct all District/Nodal DR-TB Centres as well as the district/TB unit/PHI pharmacists and supervisory staff in your state to ensure the following:

1. No patients to be initiated on Injection containing shorter MDR-TB regimen. All patients eligible for shorter MDR/RR TB regimen should be treated with shorter oral MDR/RR-TB regimen across India as per the guidelines already communicated.
2. If necessary, the patients must be contacted, counselled, and sent to the concerned District/Nodal DR-TB Centre to switch to shorter or longer oral MDR-TB regimen as per the Guidelines for PMDT in India 2021 and reflected in Nikshay.
3. Intensified monitoring of the above points need to be done by state, district, TB unit and PHI levels.

This will be closely monitored by the programme division.

*ham regards*

  
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- Mission Director – NHM (All states/ UTs)
- STDC Directors (All states/ UTs)
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