

## Corrigendum

(1) **1.2.1 Artificial Insemination (AI)**

AI is the procedure of artificially transferring semen into reproductive system of a woman. This technique comprises artificial insemination with husband's (AIH) or with donor sperm (AID). (Page No. 5)

(2) **1.5.5 Programme co-ordinator/director**

This should be a senior person who has had considerable experience in handling all aspects of ART. (Page No. 23)

(3) **1.6 ART Procedure**

“National Accreditation Committee” appearing in para 1.6 may be read as “National Advisory Committee”. (Page No. 24)

(4) **1.6.10 The future ART technologies**

“National Accreditation Committee” appearing in para 1.6.10 may be read as “National Advisory Committee”. (Page No. 32)

(5) **3.14.7** The State Government would close down any unregulated clinics not satisfying the above criteria. (Page No. 73)

(6) **3.15 Responsibilities of the Accreditation Authority**

The para 3.15 may be read as follows:

### **3.15 Responsibilities of the Accreditation/Appropriate Authority**

#### **3.15.1 State Accreditation Authority :**

A State Accreditation Authority will be set up by the State /UT Governments through their Department of Health and /or Family Welfare to oversee all matters relating to accreditation, supervision and regulation of ART Clinics in the States/UTs in accordance with the Guidelines. The functions of the Accreditation Authority, inter-alia, include-

- i) to review the activities of Appropriate Authorities functioning in the State and take appropriate action against them;
- ii) to monitor the implementation of the provision of the Guidelines by ART clinics;
- iii) to order closure of an ART Clinic if the ethical Guidelines and operative procedures laid down in the Guidelines are not followed.

#### **3.15.2 Appropriate Authority.**

The State Government may also set up one or more Appropriate Authorities for implementation of the Guidelines for the whole or a part of the State having regard to the number of ART Clinics. Functions of the Appropriate Authority are:

- to grant or suspend registration of an ART Clinic;
- to enforce the provisions of the Guidelines by ART Clinics;
- to investigate complaints of breach of the Guidelines;
- to visit any ART Clinic/Centre accredited or not accredited, once a year with or without prior information

- to the clinic/centre, to determine if the ethical guidelines and operative procedures are being followed. If not, the Authority will point out lapses to the clinic/centre in writing. If these lapses continued for a maximum period of six months (during which period that clinic shall not engage in any activity related to the lapses), the Appropriate Authority would recommend to the State Accreditation Authority that the clinic/centre may be ordered to be closed;
- to impose a fine or a penalty on the clinic/centre for violation of any provisions of Guidelines as per delegation of powers by the State Accreditation Authority;
  - to visit and regulate semen banks in the manner mentioned above;
  - any other function as directed by Accreditation Authority

### **3.15.3 Complaints Redressal Mechanism**

A client of an ART Clinic or any other person can file a complaint against an ART Clinic for breach of any provisions of the Guidelines or in respect of any related matter to the Appropriate Authority. The Appropriate Authority shall investigate such complaints and take appropriate action under intimation to the complainant.

### **3.15.4 Central Advisory Committee**

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India will set up a National Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Health & Family Welfare and Director General, ICMR as Co-chairman. The composition of the Committee is given in Chapter 9. The National Advisory Committee will review and monitor the implementation of the

Guidelines and advise the Central Government on all policy matters relating to regulation of ART Clinics.

(7) **3.16.4 Rights of an unmarried woman to AID**

Para 3.16.4 is to be deleted. (Page No. 75)

(8) **5.0 Training**

The last three lines of page 101 may be read as: Such conference must be encouraged through organization such as the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the various science academies in India. (Page 101)

(9) **9.0 Composition of the National Advisory Committee.**

**Executive Secretary:** A Officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India. (Page 117)