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Guidelines on Pregnant Mothers Leaving Against Medical Advice

It was revealed at many of the maternal mortality reviews that several mothers who have left the ward against medical advice ended up in maternal deaths.

Despite the availability of specific guidelines issued on managing such cases, we have noted many lapses in service providers in such instances. Many clinicians and ward staff were unaware of these guidelines.

Considering the gravity of the issue and the above facts, we are sending the relevant circular (attached) again for your attention and effective action.

Kindly copy the circular individually to all the clinicians (Obstetricians / Anaesthesiologists / Physicians etc) and heads of healthcare institutions under your purview.


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