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Date: December 7, 2023

**Subject: Online Lecture Series on Standard Treatment Guidelines**

*Dear madam/sir,*

Respiratory Tract Infections (RTI) are infectious disease of the upper or lower respiratory tract. Upper Respiratory Tract Infection (URTI) includes common cold, laryngitis, pharyngitis/tonsillitis, acute rhinitis, acute rhinosinusitis and acute otitis media. Lower respiratory tract infections (LRTIs) include acute bronchitis, bronchiolitis, pneumonia and tracheitis. Respiratory infections often have strong seasonal patterns, with temperate climates more affected during the winter. Viruses that cause respiratory infections are affected by environmental conditions like relative humidity and temperature. Temperate climate winters have lower relative humidity, which is known to increase the transmission of influenza. India contributes to 18% of Global Chronic Respiratory Diseases out of which 30.28% of all global deaths due to Chronic Respiratory Disease occur in India. India has the highest number of COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) cases in the world, a whopping 55.23 million. Also, the outbreak of COVID-19 has significantly increased the disease burden of respiratory tract infections.

Therefore, focusing on this chronic condition, the next session in this lecture series "Management of Respiratory Tract Infections" has been scheduled on 16th December 2023 and the speakers are Dr Sangeeta Sharma, President DSRUD and Dr KK Chopra, Director, New Delhi TB Centre.

You are requested to disseminate the information to all public healthcare facilities and available clinicians, nursing and other healthcare professionals may be encouraged to join the webinar. The agenda of the session is placed at Annexure 'A'.

Link for the online lecture is given below –

Date: 16.12.2023

Time: 2.30 PM to 5.15 PM

Registration WebEx link from PC, Mac, iOS or Android:

<https://nhsrc-india.webex.com/weblink/register/ra4c08bca279c81f375a57ba369ff2f45>

*Warm regards,*

Yours Sincerely

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- Mission Director NHM - All States & UTs
- State Nodal Officer, Quality Assurance – All States & UTs



**Series -2 of Lecture on  
Standard Treatment Guidelines  
Agenda**

<b>NHSRC-DSPRUD STG series</b> <b>16 December 2023 (Saturday)</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>
02.45 PM to 3.00 PM	Online Registration	
03.00 PM to 03.15 PM	Pre- Training Evaluation	
03.15 PM to 03.20 PM	Welcome & Objective of Lecture series	Dr. J. N. Srivastava, Advisor-QPS, NHSRC
03.20 PM to 03.25 PM	Address by the Chief Guest	Maj Gen (Prof) Atul Kotwal, SM, VSM, Executive Director, NHSRC
03.25 PM to 04.00 PM	Challenges in Managing Respiratory Infections	Dr. Sangeeta Sharma, Professor-IHBAS and President, DSPRUD
04.00 PM-04.45 PM	Approach to Managing Respiratory Diseases	Dr. KK Chopra, Director, New Delhi TB Centre.
04.45 PM -05.00 PM	Q & A	
05.00 PM- 05.15	Post - Test & closing	