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To: All Healthcare Providers in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

Subject: Zika Virus

Greetings.

We extend to you our greetings, wishing you every success.

On 1st February, 2016 - WHO announced that the recent cluster of neurological disorders and neonatal malformations reported in the Americas region constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

Zika virus infection should be considered in patients who travelled to areas with ongoing transmission in the 2 weeks preceding illness onset (refer to map).

All healthcare facilities must report suspected cases of Zika as per case definition through the electronic notification system of Communicable Diseases.

https://bpmweb.haad.ae/UserManagement/login.aspx

HAAD recommends that all healthcare facilities report cases of microcephaly with history of travel to the countries with sustained transmission of the virus.

We are grateful for your kind cooperation.

Attachments:
1) Case definition.
2) Map of affected countries with ongoing Zika virus transmission. & Criteria for microcephaly.

المشرف
1) تحريط الحالات
2) خريطة المناطق التي يتواجد فيها الفيروس حاليا.

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Countries and territories with Zika autochthonous Transmission in the Americas as of February 2016

Case Definition and Criteria for Microcephaly

Suspected case:
Patient with rash or elevated body temperature (> 37.2 °C) AND
Travel to the affected countries* with one or more of the following symptoms (not explained by other medical conditions):
- Arthralgia or myalgia
- Non-purulent conjunctivitis or conjunctival hyperemia
- Headache or malaise

Confirmed case:
A suspected case with laboratory positive result for the specific detection of Zika virus.

Criteria for Microcephaly:
- Pregnant women with acute exanthema, and excluded other known infectious and non-infectious possible causes
- Foetuses with ultrasonographic head circumference of more than two standard deviations (SD) below the mean for gestational age, with or without further CNS malformations
- Foetuses with ultrasonographic CNS findings suggestive of intrauterine infection
- Spontaneous abortions in women with a report of exanthema during gestation, without other causes identified
- Stillbirths, irrespective of gestational age, in women with a report of exanthema during gestation
- Live newborns of ≥37 weeks gestational age (term delivery) and a head circumference ≤32 cm.

For the purposes of reporting in eClaims, the correct ICD 9 CM codes are as follows:
For the Zika virus itself - 066.3 ‘Other mosquito-borne fever’ would be assigned If the patient is pregnant, then 647.8[0-4] ‘Other specified infectious and parasitic diseases’, would be coded first.

If the infant has microcephaly then the code 742.1 ‘Microcephalus’ would be assigned

References:
http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6503e2.htm

*Refer to the list of countries and map.