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~~Central Command (Med)~~

~~Northern Command (Med)~~

~~South Western Command (Med)~~

**POLICY: TREATMENT AT ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE
TECHNOLOGY (ART) CENTRES**

1. ART Centres in the Army are functioning at **AH (R&R)** and **CH (SC) Pune**. Two new centres have been recently established at 151 BH in Eastern Command and MH Bhopal in Southern Command. In addition, facilities for ART also exist at **INHS Asvini Mumbai**. The cases of infertility are referred to these centres from periphery.
2. The provision to undergo ART in civil/private centres registered with State Govt / UT also exists. The cost of treatment per trial as per GOI letter No 2028/DGAFMS/DG-34903/16/(Med) dt 03 May 2016 is Rs. 65,000/- (Rupees sixty five thousand only) for maximum of 03 (three) trials. This provision can be availed by serving pers whenever service facility is not available.
3. For the sake of convenience of patients to avail treatment for infertility, to ensure even distribution of workload at AFMS ART Centres and to **reduce the congestion at Pune and New Delhi**, affecting posting planning and pers mgt by MS Branch/Record Offices, the policy on the subject has been revised. For patients requiring ART, following guidelines will be adhered to:-
 - (a) ART Centres will only treat patients referred by a **Gynaecologist from a service hospital**.
 - (b) Patient should be a case of **primary infertility** with minimum of three years duration of staying together with husband or a case of **secondary infertility** with no living issue.
 - (c) The **age** of the woman referred for IVF procedure should preferably be **between 25-40 years**.

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(d) In order to streamline the investigation protocols, all cases referred to the ART Centers will be worked up as per the standardized proforma enclosed as per Appx 'A'.

(e) All basic investigations will be carried out at the hospital where the patient first reports. Investigations such as evidence of ovulation by ultrasound and endometrial biopsy, diagnostic lapro-hysteroscopy and hormonal analysis etc will be done at the nearest Zonal/Command Hospital. The patient should be referred to ART centre after carrying out workup as far as possible. Combatants can avail provision of para 157 of TR, however wife will report to ART centre under own arrangement. During this visit, the ART specialist will complete any other pending investigations required to arrive at a diagnosis.

(f) Medical certificate for posting will be issued by following ART centres based on **geographical proximity** to place of posting of the individual after considering pros & cons on case to case basis after receiving application from indl :-

S.No	Command	ART Centre issuing Certificate
(i)	Southern Command	CH (SC) Pune/ MH Bhopal/ INHS Asvini
(ii)	Eastern Command	151 BH
(iii)	Western Command	AH (R&R)
(iv)	Central Command	MH Bhopal
(v)	Northern Command	AH (R&R)
(vi)	South Western Command	AH (R&R)/ MH Bhopal

(g) **Contents of Medical Certificate.** The ART Centre will issue a generic medical certificate for posting to a military station with an approved ART centre. The Medical Certificate will specifically endorse only "Any ART Centre". Format enclosed as Appx 'B'.

(h) The posting of such cases will be governed by policy provisions as issued vide MS Branch and Record Offices.

(j) A second posting/attachment on grounds of infertility will not be permitted.

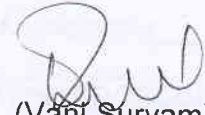
(k) A maximum of **three cycles of ART will be permitted.**

4. In addition following actions are required from ART centers (In coordination with DGMS-5A).

(a) All ART centres will forward a status report of estimated 'Waiting period', in a three month range, to DGMS (Army)/5(A) through AWAN on quarterly basis as per Appx 'C'. In case of INHS Asvini, the same may be routed through DGMS (Navy) with an advance copy to DGMS (Army)/5(A) by post / email / tele/ Fax.

(b) **DGMS-5(A)** will forward the estimated 'Waiting period' for each ART Centre every quarter in tabular format to **MS Branch and AG/ MP 8**. Based on this info, MS Branch and Records Offices will issue postings under intimation to concerned ART Centers.

5. This letter supersedes this Dte Gen letter No 76760/IVF & ET/Policy/DGMS-5(B) dt 13 Feb 2017.



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Encl :- As above.

Copy to:-

- DGAFMS/DG-3A - for info and necessary instr to DGMS (Navy) for action as per Para 3 (f) & 4 (a) of the letter.
- ✓ SO to AG - for info of AG.
- AG (Coord) - for info of all concerned for necessary action.
- MS (Coord) - for info and needful action wrt your note No A/29052/IVF/AWC dt 01Jan 2018.
- AG/MP-8 - for info to Record Offices for necessary action.
- DGMS (Navy) - for info and necessary action on Para 3(f) & 4 (a) of the letter.
- DGMS (Air) - for info.
- AH (R&R) Delhi Cantt - -do-
- CH (SC) Pune - -do-
- 151 BH - -do-
- MH Bhopal - -do-
- AMC Records - for info and necessary action.

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- DGMS-5A }