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**GUIDELINES
ON**

RABIES

PREVENTION & CONTROL



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SUBJECT:
***Revised Guidelines on Management
of Animal Bite Patients***

I. RATIONALE

The National Objectives for Health 1999-2004 states that rabies is a public health problem in the Philippines. Approximately 300 to 600 Filipinos die of rabies every year. Indeed, rabies is a fatal disease particularly in developing countries where animal immunization and dog control measures are inadequate. In view of the 100% case fatality of human rabies, the prevention of rabies infection after exposure is of utmost importance. With the aim of eliminating rabies and declaring the Philippines rabies-free in 2020, the Department of Health in collaboration with other agencies has committed itself to the prevention of human deaths due to rabies. In support of this, the DOH, through its rabies prevention and control program, shall provide vaccines for post exposure treatment through the Animal Bite Treatment Centers to high risk exposed patients.

II. COVERAGE

To ensure uniformity in the management of animal bite patients, government doctors at all levels as well as private practitioners in the country are hereby advised to follow these guidelines.

III. GENERAL POLICIES

- A. The new anti-rabies management policy as prescribed herein and its implementation shall be subject to continuing review and evaluation by technical experts.

