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# SOP 2: Outdoor Patient Management

#### 1. Purpose:

- To ensure that all services to outpatients are coordinated so that they get the required care from service providers in the hospital.
- To respond to the need and expectations of the patients and to enhance patient satisfaction.

### 2. Scope:

It covers the persons who visit the OPD facility (new and follow up patients) for treatment, investigation, consultation, checkup and immunization.

## 3. Responsibility:

- The registration clerks are responsible for issuing registration slip and providing consultation appointments.
- The OPD Nursing In-charge is responsible for monitoring the respective OPD unit functioning, maintaining necessary records and assisting the consultants.
- The Consultants are responsible for examination of the patients and for determining the line of management of the ailment / case thereof.

#### 4. Procedure

S No	Activity	Responsibility	Ref Document/
			Record
4.1	<b>OPD Consultation Process</b>		
4.1.1	OPD Registration Process	All members of Medical staff and personnel of Medical Records Dept. (Registration, Admission, Discharge and Transfer services), Front office and Reception staff at BKH	
4.1.1.a	Patient visits the registration facility in OPD section Patient can just walk up the OPD registration counter for registration		
4.1.1.b	Patient demands to be registered for a particular service through OPD.		
4.1.1.c	If the service demanded by the patient is specified by the patient		

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	right at the outset in clear terms then the process of registering the patient for that service is commenced immediately.		
4.1.1.d	In case of an unstable patient the duty doctor in emergency takes over the patient and the concerned specialist is contacted for emergent management.		
4.1.1.e	New patient furnishes demographic details at the registration counter and registration number is generated at registration counter		
4.1.1.f	Patient pays the users charges in cash only (except for BPL, SC, ST, and pregnant females)		
4.1.1.g	At the End of day staff on duty takes out cash records and the amount so collected are deposited with the cashier in the accounts department of the hospital		
4.1.1.h	A New Patient is given a fresh OPD card with OPD room number indicated.		
4.1.1.i	Follow up patient's OPD card is taken and the current date is entered after registration.		
4.1.1.j	For Follow up patients, in case there is no space on the previous OPD card, a fresh OPD card with the current date is issued.		
	After the patient is registered, the patient is directed to the doctor for OPD consultation.	Receptionist at the Registration Desk	OPD slip
4.1.2	Patient Calling System		
4.1.2.a	Patient waits outside concerned doctor room for his/her turn.	Duty Staff	

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	Patient is called by		
	Doctor/attendant as per his/her		
	turn on the basis of "first come		
	first examine" basis.		
	If clinic caters to both male and		
	female patient a definite turn is		
	fixed for female and old patient.		
	Two patients are not allowed at		
	one time in clinic.		
	For any critical patient needing		
	urgent attention queue can be		
	bypassed for providing services on		
	priority basis		
4.1.3	Receiving the patient in clinic	Medical Officer/	
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4.1.3.a	Doctor/Attendant greets the patient	Specialist	
4.1.3.a	and guides him to sit on patient		
	stool/chair by his side and not full		
	face across the desk.		
	No patient is consulted in standing		
	position.		
	If patient is accompanied by		
	relatives/attendant as per hospital		
	policy they are also offered seats.		
	But if patient wants to be		
	consulted alone and/or doctor feels		
	it necessary he asks other to leave		
	the clinic		
4.1.4	History Taking		
4.1.4.a	Doctor reads the referral	Medical Officer/	OPD slip
	documents / other treatment	Specialist	
	related documents if any provided	1	
	by the patient.		
	Doctor takes the history including		
	main presenting problem, past		
	medical history, history of main		
	presenting problem, family history,		
	occupational history, habits like		
	smoking & alcohol, allergies,		
	drugs and other treatment history		
	and other bodily systems that are		
	not covered in presenting		
	complaint as required.		
	In case of complaint of pain details		

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	including site, radiation, severity,		
	time course, aggravating factors,		
	relieving factors and associated		
	symptoms are asked as required.		
	Doctor notes down the relevant		
	history on the OPD slip		
4.1.5	Physical Examination	Medical Officer/	OPD slip
		Specialist	r
	Examination table with footsteps		
	and screens for privacy have been		
	provided in the clinics. Daylight is		
	preferred over artificial light for		
	examination.		
	A female attendant / nurse /relative		
	is required to accompany the		
	female patient at the time of		
	examination in the case doctor		
	examining is male. While		
	examination of private parts it is		
	essential.		
	Doctor takes a verbal consent		
	before examining the patient.		
	Physical examination including		
	examination of temperature, pulse		
	and examination is done as		
	required.		
	Doctor note down the relevant		
	findings of examination on the		
116	OPD slip.	3.5 11 1.0 CC /	D 1 C
4.1.6	Risk Assessment & Differential	Medical Officer/	Procedure for
	Diagnosis	Specialist	patient
			registration,
			admission,
			Discharge and
			Referral
			Management
	Based on data gathered for History		
	and Physical examination severity		
	of problem is assessed.		
	Differential diagnosis is given on		
	the basis of collected information.		
	If patient requires some urgent		
	treatment / procedure same is		
	arranged at OPD or patient is		

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	shifted to emergency/ OT/		
	Dressing Room/ Injection room as		
	required.		
	If the patient requires admission		
	he/she and accompanying person		
	is informed and patient is shifted		
	to ward.		
	If patient requires such		
	interventions / consultation which		
	are not available in the hospital		
	patient is referred to higher center.		
4.1.7	Investigations	Medical Officer/	
		Specialist	
	In case laboratory/ radiology	-	
	investigations are required to be		
	performed, investigation		
	requisition form is filled by the		
	doctor/ OPD attendant.		
	Only those investigations which		
	are not available in hospital and		
	essential for arriving diagnosis are		
	prescribed for outside.		
	After the investigation patient		
	come back to OPD for the		
	consultation.		
	Final Diagnosis is arrived on the		
	basis of investigation reports and		
	clinical findings.		
4.1.8	Prescription	Medical Officer/	OPD slip/
		Specialist	Prescription
	Doctor prescribes the		Procedure for
	drugs/procedures after arriving		Pharmacy
	provisional diagnosis/ final		Management
	diagnosis.		
	If required drugs are part of		
	essential drug list and available in		
	the hospital pharmacy they are		
	prescribed in generic name and		
	patient is directed to collect it from		
	OPD dispensary.		
	In exceptional conditions only		
	when required drugs are not		
	available in in-house Pharmacy it		

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	is brought to notice of the facility		
	In charge who take further action		
	to locally procure the drugs.		
	Doctor mentions his /her name,		
	initials, date & registration no. on		
	the prescription. A stamp for the		
	same has been prepared for the		
	same.		
4.2	Drug Dispensing		
	If medicines are prescribed, the		
	patient goes to the pharmacy to		
	collect it.		
4.3	Follow Up	Medical Officer/	OPD slip
	•	Specialist	1
	Cases where follow up visit is	•	
	required the same is mentioned in		
	the OPD slip and the patient /		
	relatives are informed by the		
	doctor about the date and time for		
	the next follow up visit.		
4.4	Nursing Process in OPD		
	In case Medical officer prescribes	Dresser/	Dressing
	for dressing, Dresser/ Nurses on	Nurses on duty	Register
	duty perform dressing as per		8 2 2 2
	Medical officer advice. They enter		
	the details in dressing room		
	register. Patients are advised by		
	dressing personal for next dressing		
	if doctor prescribes the same.		
	In case medical officer prescribe	Nurses	Immunization
	for the immunization, Nurses on	1101000	Card
	duty generates a immunization		Immunization
	card and immunizes the patient		register
	and details are entered in the		register
	Immunization card and		
	immunization register		
	Injections as instructed by the	Nurses	Injection
	•	1101202	Injection
	treating doctor are administered by		
	the Nursing staff.	Numana	
	Nurses are also responsible for	Nurses	
	checking the functioning of		
	instruments at OPD clinic and		
	report for the maintenance and		
1	breakage if any.		

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4.5	Patient Privacy and		
	Confidentiality		
	Patients privacy is maintain during	PMO/ Hospital	
	all OPD procedures including	Administrator /	
	consultation, examination,	Medical Officer/	
	counseling and procedures like	Specialist	
	injection and dressing. Screens and		
	curtains have been provided at all		
	such areas of OPD.		
	Information and records pertaining		
	to diagnosis and treatment of		
	patients are not shared with		
	anybody except clinical staff		
	involved in treatment.		
	Patient physical assessments are		
	conducted in a location that affords		
	visual and auditory privacy.		
4.6	<b>Duty Roster</b>		
	A duty roster is prepared	PMO/ Hospital	Duty Roster
	monthly for deputation of Doctors	Administrator	
	and Nurses in OPD.		
	Information for Doctors		
	availability is updated as per the		
	roster. In case of non availability		
	of any Doctor alternate		
	arrangements are made if possible.		
	If Clinic remains unattended		
	information the same is displayed		
	on the notice board.		
4.7	<b>Punctuality, Dress Code and</b>		
	Identity		
	Hospital Administrator monitors	PMO/ Hospital	
	that all the doctors are available at	Administrator	
	their clinic at scheduled time. Any		
	Discrepancy is reported to PMO		
	who takes corrective action in this		
	regards.		
	Same measures are also taken for		
	Nursing and support staff.		
	All the staff wear their respective		
	uniform/Apron with name plate/ I-		
	Card.		

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4.8	Disable Friendly OPD		
4.0	Ramps with handrails have been		
	provided at entrance and for other		
	elevated area.		
	cievated area.		
	Wheelchairs / Trolleys have been		
	providing on entrance/ reception.		
4.9	Hand Hygiene	Medical Officer/ Specialist	
	Doctor/Nurse staff wash hands		
	between examining two patients		
	with soap following the steps and		
	duration.		
	Alternately alcohol based hand rub		
	is used for the same.		
	Hand washing facilities with		
	running water and soap/ Hand rub		
4.40	have been at all point of use.	OPP I I	
4.10	Clinic Management	OPD In charge/	
		Hospital	
	III- and to 1. A during interest and an arrange	Administrator	
	Hospital Administrator ensures		
	that all necessary instruments/		
	equipments/furniture/consumables		
	including patient stool, thermometer. BP apparatus,		
	examination table, other		
	examination table, other examination equipments, hand		
	washing facility, X-ray		
	View box, examination gloves,		
	screens and curtains are available		
	in the clinic before start of day.		
	Any deficiency is noted and		
	discussed with PMO for correction		
	and corrective action.		
4.11	Patient Amenities		
	Patient amenities like safe drinking	OPD In charge/	
	water, adequate chairs in waiting	Hospital	
	area, clean toilets, fan and air	Administrator	
	cooling/heating are made available		
	and monitored for their		
	functionality and adequacy on		
	regular basis.		
	A May I Help You Desk has been		

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	provided at OPD with dedicated		
	staff.		
4.12	Prohibition of Smoking		
	Smoking is prohibited in OPD as	OPD In charge/	Prohibition of
	well other areas of Hospitals under	Hospital	Smoking in
	Prohibition of Smoking in Public	Administrator	Public Places
	Places rules 2008.		rules 2008.
4.13	Administrative and non clinical	Hospital	
	work at	Administrator/	
	OPD	Medical Officer/	
		Specialist	
	Administrative work like		
	attestation of certificates and issue		
	of medical certificates are not		
	entertained in the OPD timings		
	Medical representatives from		
	pharmaceutical companies are not		
	entertained in OPD timing		
	Notice for the same is displayed at		
	the OPD.		
4.14	Patient Satisfaction Survey		
4.14.1	Sample Size		
	Sample size for patient satisfaction	Hospital	Sample Size
	survey is calculated on the basis of	Administrator/	calculator.
	case load of previous three	Enquiry Counter	
1112	months.	Personnel	
4.14.2	Data Collection		
	Patient feedback is taken on OPD		
	Patient Satisfaction format printed		
	in local language on continuous		
	basis.		
	For illiterate patients Enquiry		
	counter personnel or any other		
	designated staff take the interview		
	and record the feedback on the		
	form.		
	When collecting the feedback it is		
	ensured that all categories of		
	patients eg. male, female, BPL, old		
	age and revisit patients get		
1112	representation		
4.14.3	Analysis Analysis of data collected is done		Dotiont
	Analysis of data collected is done		Patient
1	on quarterly basis.		Satisfaction

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			survey
			analysis sheet
	Overall and individual attribute scores are calculated by taking arithmetic mean.		
	Lowest scoring attributes (bottom two) are identifies.		
4.14.4	Root Cause Analysis		
	Root cause analysis in done in management review meeting.	Hospital Administrator/ Process Owner	Minutes of meeting of MRM
4.14.5	Action Plan		
	Corrective and preventive action is decided and action plan is prepared for the same.		
	Progress on action plan is tracked on monthly basis.	Hospital Administrator/ Process Owner	Action Plan
4.15	Monitoring of waiting times	Hospital Administrator	
	Waiting time for registration, consultation, investigations, pharmacy and consultation time are monitored through time motion study and data is analyzed on monthly basis.		
	Processes having long waiting time and causing patient dissatisfaction are discussed in management review meeting and corrective and preventive actions is taken after arriving on route cause.		

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# 5. Records

S No	Name of Record	Record No	Minimum retention period
1	Immunization Register		•
2	Doctor's OPD Register		
3	<b>Dressing Room Register</b>		
4	Injection Register		

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