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## Referral Criteria to Richmond hospital from CHC and PHC.

Patients diagnosed with tb, who are stable who need the following

Patients who require rifampin  
Patients who require streptomycin.  
Patients with poor social circumstances  
Patients who need rehabilitation  
Stable patients who are too ill and weak to take tb treatment at home  
Patients who need the services of a dietician  
Patients who need the services of a social worker  
Patients who need the services of a physiotherapist  
Patients who need the services of an occupational therapist  
Patients who need the services of stoma and bed sore care  
Patients who have chronic defaulters  
Patients who need to be initiated on ARVs

Patients with AFB positive sputa, can be referred directly to Richmond hospital by the nursing staff, if they are stable, and no other uninvestigated or uncontrolled medical conditions  
Patients with PTB that has been diagnosed on chest x-ray and disseminated TB needs to be assessed and referred with a doctor's referral letter, explain the condition.

We do not accept unstable patients.  
We do not accept MD or XDR or TDR patients  
Patients with uninvestigated problems, we do not investigate problems  
We do not accept patients who require oxygen or IVI fluid or IVI treatments.  
Please correct all biochemical or hematological abnormalities before referring patients.

The referral letter needs to contain

The name of the patient.  
The patient's ID no, addresses and phone number  
The clinic referring the patient  
The name of the referring nurse and doctor  
The date of referral  
How TB was diagnosed, when TB treatment was started  
Copies of last available results  
Other medical problems  
A list of all treatment that the patient is taking.  
If the patient is RVD positive  
Baseline and current CD4 count and viral load.  
Date of initiation of ARVs  
Current ARV.  
Changes to treatment, the reasons why and when need to be documented  
Complications of ARV

If in doubt please discuss the case with doctors at Richmond hospital, you can contact them via switchboard

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