Herewith find attached circular by the National Department of Health regarding the scaling up of TB Preventive Therapy (TPT) previously known as IPT in order to align to the World Health Organisation’s (WHO) recommendations on the use of TB Preventive Therapy for people living with HIV and other risk populations.

The Gauteng Department of Health, HAST Programme(s) would like to highlight the major changes in the TPT policy i.e.

- **Same Day Initiation** of TPT and ART (*not either BUT both*) in all patients who are eligible per criterion including Universal Test and Treat (UTT) Policy;
Initiate TPT in all patients who screen negative for active TB disease (i.e., active TB has been excluded per criterion).

- **TST is no longer required prior to TPT initiation and therefore should not be an obstacle to TPT initiation per revised guidelines details.**

- **Scale Up Targeted TB Screening** and ensure linkage to TPT for all eligible PLHIV population;
- Children who are contacts of ‘index TB cases (<5 years of age) regardless of HIV status’ should receive and complete TPT for a duration of 6 months as per the National Guidelines;
- Children above (>5 yrs and less than (<15) yrs of age, who are HIV Positive (PLHIV) should receive and complete TPT for a duration of 6 months as per the National Guidelines;
- Continuous monitoring of adverse events and adherence to recording on clinical stationery and reporting requirements per Gauteng Province revised TRAP SOP’s (TRAP = Treatment Retention and Acceleration Plans).

Your cooperation will be highly appreciated.

Regard

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