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The Ministry of Health (MoH) is privileged to present the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of Clinical Orientation Manual (Emergency Medical, Trauma and Obstetric Care). This manual was conceived in 2011 as a crucial resource to back-up emergency medical, trauma and obstetric care in Bhutan.

The emergency department or unit is the most diverse spot of patient conditions in health facilities. Diagnostic accuracy and prognostic prediction rely heavily on the experience and level of training of the health care providers. With the mandate to provide efficient and affective system of emergency care in all health facilities, this manual will serve to infuse the evidence based standardization and quality in the provision of routine care as well as emergency care to the patients.

The primary audiences for this manual is the newly recruited GDMOs, GDSS, nurses and other health professionals. This manual will be used as a guiding manual for the delivery of emergency medical, trauma and obstetric care in the country and also meant to be used by resource persons to train newly recruited health professionals.

The most commonly encountered emergencies in all subspecialties are covered in this manual based on our own context and the chapters are clearly demarcated for easy referencing.

This manual is the outcome of the inputs from various clinical departments and management of JDWNRH to meet the need for a concise, but thorough, source of information. It is also designed to facilitate emergency care teaching and practice. We hope this manual will aid our young doctors and nurses in making accurate diagnoses and help to achieve our vision of “The Nation with the Best Health”.



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