

HOM CLINIC TIPS



1. Team members must wear a name tag in the clinic, several inexpensive options are available at office supply stores.
2. Common illnesses may require different treatment or dosing in Haiti, follow guidelines for HTN, DM, and STDs. Remember over-treatment is as dangerous as under-treating. (see Forms and Resources at www.HAITIom.org)
3. Go to Max or Mathanie if you need help or have questions. Please do not approach the MICECC staff directly as it is disruptive and inappropriate. Remember you are a guest in their clinic.
4. If working outside the Cité Soleil clinic or without MICECC assistance, providers will need to assess waiting patients to identify anyone who needs immediate care.
5. Try to address only 3 complaints per patient. Briefly note pertinent information (SOAP note) regarding the visit on the patient record, please try to write legibly.
6. Ask about other treatments a patient may have used for their symptoms. Many patients try home remedies or buy medications from a local pharmacy prior to seeking care at the clinic.
7. Use the RX/RTC form if a patient needs to return to see you or a MICECC MD for follow up care. These forms allows the patient to be seen without paying the clinic fee again. Document the reason for follow up and the date to return.
8. Record patient name and brief reason for follow-up for all ill/injured patients that need follow up care by the MICECC staff after you leave (this includes patients sent to a hospital), give this to Dr. Quency the last day of the clinic.
9. Medications can be dispensed from either the patient record or the RX/RTC forms. If using RX/RTC form, the prescribed treatment has to be included on the patient record so the next provider can continue care.
10. Do not give a patient more than 3 medications (including OTC medication) in addition to worm medicine.
11. Give 90 days' supply of HTN and DM medications even if the patient needs to return sooner for follow up.
12. Medications are bought in bulk for the best prices. Please use discretion when dispensing meds, use recommended number and amounts (above) to ensure that we have adequate supplies for the next team. Do not give away "excess".
13. HCTZ 12.5 mg is the maximum recommended dose, add a second drug if B/P is not controlled on HCTZ.
14. If a patient has high blood pressure or high blood sugar, determine if readings are high due to a lapse in treatment vs inadequate treatment. Treat conservatively and have them return for follow up care.
15. Please include the expiration date on all medications left in the clinic. Use the sun, moon and star labels, many of our patients are illiterate
16. Please do a thorough exam including weight, vital signs and POC tests prior to sending patient to a hospital. Ask your translator to document the appropriate information (in Kreyol) on the transfer form. Have MICECC staff contact the hospital prior to sending any patients, please provide least \$20 USD for the patients to be seen by hospital staff.
17. Most of our supplies are for clinic use, do not give patients entire bottles of alcohol, saline solution, betadine, emesis basins, emergency medications, etc. We do not have the budget to supply everything to all patients.
18. Using a number system in the pharmacy is helpful, number each RX and give the patient the matching number.
19. Clean water is available on the C.S. campus. The water in the pharmacy is safe to use to re-constitute medication.

Go to www.HaitiOM.org and select Mission Trips to access the complete Medical Mission Guidelines & Forms and Resources.