

## VITAMINS & DEWORMING POLICY

### Station Set-up

- Cover the table with brown paper so you have a clean surface to work from.
- You will need plastic cups for water, a pitcher of water, small medicine cups for dispensing the dose of deworming medication, a large bottle of Albendazole, and a supply of Adult, Children's Chewable, and Prenatal Vitamins.
- An EMR will be assigned to your station. Your translator will document the patients you will serve.

### Procedure

- Children under 2 years old DO NOT receive deworming medication.
- Look up the patient's name in the Search bar in the Electronic Medical Records Program.
- Ask the following questions of each female over 12 years old:
  - When was your last menstrual period?
  - Are you pregnant?
  - Are you nursing?
- Of all patients ask:
  - When did you receive your last dose of deworming medication? If it has been less than 6 months, they cannot receive a dose. Explain to the patient when they are eligible to receive a repeat dose.
- Go to the "Exam" tab.
- Under "Diagnosis", choose "Prevention Measures".
- Under "Treatment Plan", choose "Medication", then scroll through the drop down list until you find, Albendazole 400mg. Beside "Dispense", document 1. Under dose, document 400mg
- Add a second "Treatment Plan" by clicking on the + sign beside "Treatment Plan #1".
- Choose "Medication", scroll through to the bottom of the list until you find Vitamins. Choose the appropriate choice for that patient (Children's, Adults or Prenatals).
  - Children receive 180 vitamins to be taken once a day. (dispense-180, dose-qd or one daily)
  - Females ages 12-45 receive 180 prenatal vitamins to be taken once a day. (dispense-180, dose-qd or daily)
  - All males over 12 years of age and all women over 45 years of age will receive 90 adult vitamins to be taken EVERY OTHER DAY. (dispense-90, dose-qod or every other day)
- Please explain that all vitamins should be kept out of the reach of children.
- When you have completed your tasks with a patient, change the "Queue" for that patient to indicate the next clinic area they are to be seen in. Press "Waiting" for that clinic area.

This station will also be taking blood pressure readings using an automated blood pressure cuff. Blood pressure should be taken for all patients over 30 years of age. These are recorded under the Vital Signs tab in the EMR.