## POSSIBLE ANEMIA

## **Supportive Management**

- Eat good sources of iron (e.g. dark-green leafy vegetables, red meats, dried fruits), vitamins B12 (shellfish, liver, fish, crab, tofu, soymilk, fortified cereals, red meat, low fat dairy, cheese, and eggs), and folic acid (dark-green leafy vegetables, dried beans, peas, nuts, citrus fruits and juice).
- Have plenty of rest. Sleep for 7-8 hours every night in a dark room, as melatonin – a powerful anti-oxidant that promotes healing through boosting the immune function – are found to be produced in higher amounts when sleeping in darkness. If sleeping in a dark room is not possible, wear an eye patch instead.
- Limit activities to within tolerance to limit fatigue.
- Perform oxygen-conserving techniques:
  - Sitting instead of standing to perform tasks
  - Eating small meals
  - Performing slower, purposeful movements

## **Herbal Medicine**

- Puso ng Saging (Banana Flowers)
  - May be included in salads, soups, or may be used as a viand.
- Malunggay
  - Eat a cup of malunggay leaves daily.
- Saluyot
  - Take at least three cups of saluyot leaves daily.

Consult doctor for proper diagnosis and management of anemia.



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