# POSSIBLE FEVER – ADULT

## **Supportive Management**

- Apply cool, wet towel on the forehead, groin, and armpits.
- Have a warm bath or a tepid sponge bath using comfortably warm water (43° C 46° C). Perform sponge bath for 20-30 minutes. Avoid using cool water, ice, or alcohol for the bath as they may cause shivering, which, in turn, may further increase body temperature.
- 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.
- Dress in light clothing and remove excess clothes. Sleep with a light layer of blanket.
- Keep room well-ventilated, and at a moderate, comfortable temperature. If the room feels warm, place a fan nearby.
- Keep self hydrated. Drink a minimum of 2 liters or eight 250-mL cups of clear fluid per day. Avoid dehydrating drinks such as caffeinated drinks (e.g. cola, coffee, tea, energy drinks), as well as alcohol.

## **Herbal Medicine**

- Saha ng Saging/Balat ng Punong Saging (Sheathing Leafstalks of the Banana)
  - Wrap the fresh sheathing leafstalks of the banana around the neck, armpits, and groins of the person with fever. Replace the used sheathing leafstalks with a new one as needed (e.g. when the sheathing leafstalks have become warm).

### Sampalok Juice

 Mix the pulp of ripe sampalok fruit in water. Add sugar to taste, and drink.

### Guyabano Leaves Decoction

– Boil either 3 handfuls of fresh guyabano leaves or 1 handful of dried guyabano leaves in 2 cups of water for 15-30 minutes. Let the decoction cool down and strain. Divide the decoction into 3-4 doses to be used in one day. Use the decoction the same day it was prepared.

### • Dayap (Lime) Juice

- Squeeze one fresh fruit in a glass of water. Cool for 5 minutes and drink.

#### Kamias Juice

– Mash 2-3 ripe fruits in a glass of water. Add sugar to taste.



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- Balimbing Juice
  - Crush 2-3 ripe balimbing fruits in a glass of water. Add sugar to taste.
- Bignay Juice

 Mash a handful of ripe bignay fruits in a glass of water. Add sugar to taste.

## **Consult doctor if:**

- The fever worsens or persists.
- The fever rises up to 40  $^\circ~$  C or higher.
- The fever lasts longer than 3 days.
- Fever comes and goes every few days.



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