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**IMAPRAYER**

May everybody be happy
May everybody be healthy
May everybody be free from pain
May everybody be free from sorrow
May we be the heeling cure
Beyond every greed & lure

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**IMA Code of Conduct**

Preamble: As member of Indian Medical Association and as qualified physician, the conduct of a registered Medical Graduate is governed by the Ethics and the regulations pronounced by Indian Medical Council Act 1956.

As very important part of society and nation building:

1. I have read & agreed to abide by regulations under Indian Medical Council act, especially Professional, Etiquette & Ethics) Regulations 2002 and its subsequent amendments.
2. I solemnly pledge myself to consecrate my life to the service of humanity & maintain utmost respect for human life from the time of its conception.
3. I shall practice my profession with utmost conscience & dignity.
4. I shall extend my teachers & fellow colleagues respect and gratitude legitimately due to them.
5. I shall respect the privacy & secrets of my patients that are confided in me for professional reasons.
6. I shall honour the autonomy of my patients to make decisions.
7. I shall uphold both beneficence & non-malfeasance in treating my patients.
8. I shall respect human dignity, esteem, prestige, rights & fundamental freedom of all my patients.
9. I shall take both informed consent & inform refusal from my patient towards any medical or surgical treatment.
10. I shall hold diligent regards to cultural diversity and pluralism.
11. I shall protect individual & groups of special vulnerability & respect the personal integrity of such individual and groups as the case may be.
12. I am committed to ensure that the selective sex selection is stopped at all levels and by all means.
13. I shall faithfully comply with all the Regulatory and Statutory stipulations.
14. I shall not accept any gifts, pecuniary benefits or gratification from the pharmaceutical companies, equipment suppliers and diagnostic centers or similar agencies.
15. I shall not indulge in any activities that are immoral, unethical or illegal in the eyes of the applicable governing laws and also the prudence.

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**FLAG SALUTATION**

We, the members of Indian Medical Association stand here to salute our national flag. Its honour and glory shall be our light and strength and its course shall be our course.

We pledge our allegiance to it and realizing our responsibilities as the accredited members of this national organization, we swear we will dedicate everything in our power to see it fly high in the comity of nations.

Jai Hind !
Long Live IMA!
IMA Jan Aushadhi Initiative

IMA has started an initiative to provide quality drugs at cheaper prices in coordination with Bureau of Pharma Public Sector Undertakings of India (BPPI) under the IMA Jan Aushadhi Generic Drug Store Initiative. Under this Initiative the 1st Generic Drug store has been set up in IMA HQs premises at Indraprastha Marg, New Delhi-110 002. The same was inaugurated on 5th June, 2015 by Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, Hon’ble Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers.

- The aims of the initiative include ensuring availability of quality medicines at affordable prices to all.
- IMA invited its state branches to run Jan Aushadhi Stores.
- The IMA-Jan Aushadhi initiative will make available quality drugs at affordable prices through dedicated stores selling generic medicines from standard Indian companies manufactured by BPPI (Bureau of Pharma Public Sector Undertaking) which are available at lesser prices but are equivalent in quality and efficacy as expensive branded drugs.
- BPPI Indian medicines with generic names are likely to be available in India by April in most of the chemist shops.
- IMA doctors, are advised to write drugs with generic name in capital letter (in bracket BPPI) so that they get drugs of good quality from recognized Indian companies.
- Under BPPI logo, drugs from Indian reputed companies will be available at affordable fixed prices.

IMA Independent Ethics Committee

The objective of the Independent Ethics Committee (IEC) of Indian Medical Association (IMA) is to ensure that all biomedical research in human subjects conducted in IMA and its affiliated wings are in accordance with the Ethical Guidelines for biomedical research on human subjects as prescribed by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). For clinical trials, the IEC will follow the guidelines as prescribed by International Conference on Harmonization (ICH), Good Clinical Practice (GCP) as per GCP and Schedule ‘Y’ of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules.

The IEC will abide by the following applicable regulatory guidelines:
1. GCP as prescribed by GoI, Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules i.e. Rule 122-DAA and Schedule ‘Y’ of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules
2. ICMR Guidelines for Biomedical Research on Human Subjects
3. ICH guidelines for good clinical practice and Declaration of Helsinki
4. ICMR Guidelines for The Assisted Reproductive Technologies (Regulation)

The IEC will review and approve all types of research proposals on human subjects received from IMA (its states/local branches, wings, affiliated bodies) involving human participants with a view to safeguard the dignity, rights, safety and well-being of all actual and potential research participants. The goals of research, however important, would never be permitted to override the health and well-being of the research subjects.

The IEC will take care that all the cardinal principles of research ethics viz. Autonomy, Beneficence, Non-malefice, Confidentiality and Justice are taken care of in planning, conduct and reporting of the proposed research. For this purpose, it will look into the aspects of informed consent process, risk benefit ratio, distribution of burden and benefit and provisions for appropriate compensation (as per law) wherever required. It will review the proposals before start of the study as well as monitor the research throughout the study until and after completion of the study through appropriate well documented procedures, for example, annual reports, final reports and site visits. The committee will also examine compliance with all regulatory requirements, applicable guidelines & laws.

The IMA Polio Vaccine Switch Awareness Campaign

A lot of progress has been made in the global efforts in achieving a polio-free world. But more needs to be done before polio can be eradicated from the world.

Replacing trivalent OPV with bivalent OPV is a significant step in polio eradication. The currently used OPV contains all three polio serotypes - type 1, 2 and 3 and its use has led to the eradication of wild poliovirus type 2. The switch from tOPV to bOPV removes the type 2 component (OPV2) from the vaccine. April being the 'low' season for polio virus transmission in many countries with endemic polio or recent polio cases, has been chosen as the target month for the switch to bOPV in all OPV using countries. The switch from trivalent to bivalent vaccine has to be globally synchronized to minimize the risk of new cVDPV type 2 emergence.

India has been polio-free for 5 years and our government also plans to switch to bOPV as part of the global polio eradication initiative.

April 25, 2016 has been designated as the National Switch Day, when tOPV would be completely withdrawn and replaced by bOPV in both routine immunization and polio campaigns & the country would be declared free of tOPV on 9th May, 2016, National Validation Day. tOPV would not be available after 1st April 2016. bOPV would be made available two weeks before the switch date in private market. But, it is not to be opened or used before the switch date.

IMA Polio Switch Dates

April 1: tOPV would not be available after this date.
April 11: bOPV would be available in private market but it is not to be opened or used before 25
April.
April 25: is IMA Polio Switch Day, when tOPV would be completely withdrawn and replaced by bOPV in both routine immunization and polio campaigns.
May 9: is IMA National Validation Day when India would be declared free of tOPV.

IMA Starts Nodal centre for reporting Adverse Drug Reactions

IMA PvPI Initiative has started a nodal centre at IMA headquarters. All IMA members can now report adverse reactions to drugs, vaccines, medical devices, Blood products and herbal products at IMA PvPI helpline 9717776514, open Monday to Friday 9-5.30PM

Clinical trials only detect common adverse drug reactions as less than 500 human subjects are involved in any trial. Even 1 Adverse Drug Reaction of medicine in 10,000 populations is considered as unsafe.

Adverse Drug Reactions can be known or unknown, serious or non-serious due to drugs, vaccines, devices and blood products.

If you see vomiting, stomach pain, itching, rashes, headache, fever after taking any drug report. Report adverse event to safeguard your patient

My minuscule contribution by reporting adverse drug reactions helps voluminously to promote the safety of more than 1.2 billion population.
IMA HBI: WHY SHOULD MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENTS BE ACCREDITED WITH NABH?

With NABH accreditation, you will be able to:-

- Propagate that your establishment offers facilities that are of better quality.
- Propagate that your premises provide high standards of care with high level of patient safety.
- Provide better quality of services and that in turn, will bring in more clientele.
- Get empanelment with CGHS, ECHS, PSUs, and State Government.
- Apply for empanelment with International Agencies.
- Recruit qualified staff, residents and nurses
- Apply for government projects and grants
- Get exemption from inspection under Clinical Establishment Act.
- Face all the provisions of Clinical Establishments Act in a better manner.
- Apply for international grants
- Collaborate with other recognized healthcare establishments
- Generate faith in public that your hospital uses quality drugs.
- Generate faith in public regarding the accuracy of laboratory tests
- Generate faith in public regarding transparency in billing with no hidden costs.
- Provide an infection free, clean, hygienic environment (with minimal hospital acquired infections) to the patients
- Get your establishment recognised for DNB, Internship & fellowship programs
- Strengthen the faith that the hospital complies with standard procedures of care with minimum errors.
- Strengthen the faith that the hospital follows a policy of rational use of drugs including antibiotics, investigations and treatment.
- Strengthen the public faith that their rights will be respected and protected.
- Inculcate confidence in doctors that their rights are also being respected
- Generate confidence in Public that the hospital will provide safe and secure environment for them.
- Develop faith in Public that the technicians in the establishment are well-trained and qualified.
- Assure the Public that the hospital maintains and strictly follows its infection control policy. Hence, they will be less apprehensive of acquiring infections like Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV and TB when they come to your hospital.
- Assure the Public that any news story from the establishment, on TV or print, will be scientific.
- Generate confidence among the Public that their right to confidentiality will be respected and their medical records would be preserved
- Gain an advantage in terms revenue generated compared to non accredited hospital as Accreditation means better quality of services
- Enhance the skills and knowledge of your staff further as accreditation will lead to a process of continuous learning and improvement
- Empanel your establishment with insurance agencies and other third parties as Accreditation facilitates such processes.
- Substantially reduce litigation as NABH accreditation means that the medical establishment adheres to standard treatment guidelines.
- Reduce liability insurance costs due to accreditation.