



## **MAHARASHTRA MEDICAL COUNCIL, MUMBAI**

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOTABLE WORK DONE BY  
THE COUNCIL DURING LOCKDOWN PERIOD**

## PUBLICATION OF GUIDELINES ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

World Health Organisation (WHO) has reported about outbreaks of Novel Corona virus. Accordingly, various measures have been taken by Government of India, and Government has issued guideline on clinical management in suspect/confirmed novel Corona virus cases. These guidelines were communicated to all the RMP vide circular Dt- 04/03/2020.

In guidelines focus is given on strengthening of clinical management of these patient and provide up to date guidance. *These guidelines provide clinician with updated interim guidance on timely effective and safe supportive management of patient with Covid-19 and SARI.*

## INFORMATION REGARDING CORONA VIRUS INFECTION IN CME PROGRAMS.

Council has requested to All organisations holding Maharashtra Medical Council CPD Accreditation vide letter Dt- 09/03/2020, *to hold a session on Corona Virus infection describing the mode of infection, spread of infection, precautionary measures to be taken and details regarding quarantine, isolation & management modalities of positive cases.* The Presentation should be as per norms issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Indian and World Health Organisation (WHO)

## UPDATED RMPS WITH LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19

To provide update on newly discovered Corona virus, the Government of India and World health organization issues updated circulars in respect of definition of Covid-19, its treatment etc. *The said Circulars were timely published on Councils website for RMP to update their knowledge while treating patients.*

## REGARDING POSTPONEMENT AND CANCELLATION OF CPD PROGRAMS

As per the directions given by the State Government, not to hold conferences/workshops/meetings, to reduce mass gatherings, to avoid the spread of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus disease. In view of said directives Council informed all organisations vide letter Dt- 13/03/2020 that, *they shall either postpone or cancel conferences and also decided to withdraw CPD points which were given earlier to the Organisations/Associations/Institutions for CPD purpose who had scheduled their CPD program before dt-14/03/2020 and also issued a letter on 14/03/2020.*

## TO INITIATE ACTION AGAINST RMP'S WHO PROVIDES MISLEADING INFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Council has observed that, few RMP's are providing misleading information through interviews on media, suggestions on news channels and social media such as WhatsApp, Facebook and Twitter etc. Such kind of misleading information forwarded through media/social media platform results into confusion leading to negative impact on Society. *If Council finds any RMP spreading/forwarding misleading information, then said act shall be considered as misconduct and action shall be initiated against them under Section 22 of Maharashtra Medical Council Act, 1965.*

## TO ALLOW RMPs TO GIVE TELEPHONIC CONSULTATIONS AND SEND PRESCRIPTIONS ONLINE.

In view of the current situation regarding Covid-19 disease and its impending community transmission in India and the advisory by MOHWF (Govt. of India) & ICMR to avoid crowding in OPD's, maintain social distance and advise to elderly not to venture out from their residence, *MMC has allowed RMPs to give telephonic consultations and send prescriptions online by passing resolution.*

## GRANTED RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION TO RMPs

Due to spread of Coronavirus, 3,276 RMPs which were due for Renewal of their Registration are unable to visit office due to lockdown. In view of such conditions and limitations Government has imposed, the *Council verified Renewal applications online and granted Renewal of Registration to 2,881 RMP during lockdown period and helped Government in controlling spread of virus.*

## PROTECTION OF ACTION TAKEN IN GOOD FAITH

During the course of COVID-19 Pandemic Health Workers & Hospitals are working under tremendous pressure and are compelled to make difficult choices regarding management of these COVID -19 patients. Thus they are exposed to unfair media / legal scrutiny, it is therefore essential that the health care system is insulated from unfair media scrutiny & litigation during this period. Since these health care workers are front line warriors in this COVID-19 war they also require protection at par with their Counterpart-Army personals who protect India's border. Hence Council passed Resolution as :- *“Protection of action taken in good faith - No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against any RMP in respect of anything, which is in good faith done or intended to be done during management of COVID - 19 patients.”*

**AWARDED CPD CREDIT HOURS TO THE RMPs WHO ARE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTAINMENT AND TREATMENT OF COVID 19 PATIENTS.**

During the course of COVID-19 Pandemic Registered Medical Practitioners (RMPs) who have voluntarily come forward to help the Government and are bravely working for the containment and treatment of COVID-19 patients along with Government machinery. While doing these duties the RMPs are going beyond their call of duty and working without fear of contracting disease which could be harmful to them and their family. *Maharashtra Medical Council is granting CPD credit points for those RMPs who go beyond their duty and help out by volunteering in Government Hospital/Institutions catering to COVID-19 patients, in private hospitals dedicated towards treatment of COVID 19 patients, in Fever Clinics/Community Clinics/ Rakshak Clinics/Mobile Clinics etc.*

## GRANTED PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION TO STUDENTS

Nearly 5615 students have been passed MBBS from Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik from November – 2019 onwards. These students have applied for Provisional Registration on Council's website without obtaining Mark list (passing certificate) from University due to lockdown. *Therefore, Council has granted Provisional Registration to 5235 students on the basis of passing list and online Mark list provided by the MUHS and helped Government in controlling spread of virus.*

## GRANTED PERMANENT REGISTRATION TO RMPS

About 4396 students who has passed MBBS and has completed one year internship has applied for Permanent Registration on Councils' website without obtaining requisite certificates from University due to limitations imposed by Government and Internship completion certificate. *Therefore, Council has granted Permanent Registration to 3903 students on the basis of Internship Completion Certificate provided by Medical Colleges and helped Government in controlling spread of virus.*



## GRANTED ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION TO RMPS

Nearly 1371 students have passed Degree/Diploma (Post-graduation) from Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik and from other Recognized Universities from March-2020 to May-2020. These students have applied for Additional Qualification Registration on Council's website without obtaining Passing certificate of Diploma/Degree from University due to lockdown. *Therefore, Council has granted Additional Qualification Registration to 1039 RMPs, subject to physical verification of passing certificate and helped Government in controlling spread of virus.*

## PROVIDED LIST OF RMPS DISTRICT WISE, SPECIALTY WISE FOR GOVERNMENT FOR CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19

*Council has provided District Wise, Specialty Wise list of 1,47,432 RMPs to Government of Maharashtra to provide their services in treating Corona Positive patients in the state of Maharashtra.*

## UTILIZATION OF EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE OF REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS IN MUMBAI, SUBURBAN AND THANE DISTRICT

The State and Central Government is taking every precaution to fight against this deadly viral infection. In Mumbai city, the outbreak of COVID-19 is spreading very fast as compared to other parts of the State. Hence the State Government has taken rigorous steps towards Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19 patient. Government has sought expert services of the RMP in Mumbai, Suburban area of Mumbai and thane district for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19 patient at least for 15 days. *Therefore, Council conveyed 24,201 RMPs of Mumbai and Suburban region under intimation to the Government about rendering their services for the containment of COVID-19.* It was also informed to the RMPs that non-attendance of the duty will be considered as breach of MCI Code of Ethics that we administered at the time of obtaining degree and action will be initiated according to the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897

## **GRANTED REGISTRATION TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS FROM OTHER STATE MEDICAL COUNCIL FOR TACKLING COVID PATIENT IN MAHARASHTRA**

In view of request received from Director, Directorate Medical Education and Research, Mumbai regarding, inviting other state doctors to Mumbai to help in tackling Covid-19 patients. The Council has passed a resolution as under :-

*"Council has decided to give them registration on the basis of they being registered with Kerala Medical Council and would be granting registration for limited period without charging any registration fee."*

These doctors are registered with Other State Medical Councils but legally they are required to be registered with MMC, so that they can safely manage Covid-19 patient admitted in the Government hospitals in Maharashtra. Hence, Council has granted them registration with MMC for the period that they would be working in Mumbai/Maharashtra during Covid-19 pandemic and for containment of spread of Covid-19.

## DEDICATION AND DETERMINATION OF COUNCIL AND THEIR STAFF

During the lockdown period, maximum number of offices were closed or working under less number of employees. *However, Council after consultation with Hon'ble President has provided officers/staffs in full strength and these officers/staffs without any Medical Insurances worked in the offices with dedication and determination and provided registrations to the students and RMPs and subsequently provided helping hand to Government in containment of Covid-19.*

*During the lockdown period Council was working on all working days, as per directives of the Government of Maharashtra.*