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# GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING CLINICAL DENTAL WORKSHOPS AND HANDS-ON COURSES

(Issued in the interest of Patient Safety, Clinical Ethics & Professional Standards)

#### I. MANDATORY APPROVALS

- 1. State Dental Council Permission
- Prior approval from the State Dental Council is mandatory before conducting any workshop involving live patient procedures.
- The application must include course content, faculty credentials, patient handling protocols, venue details, and a list of participants.
- 2. Ethical Clearance
- Any hands-on course involving patients must have clearance from a recognized Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) or equivalent.
- 3. Dental Council of India (DCI) Compliance
- The program should comply with relevant guidelines issued by the DCI, especially if offering certifications or credit hours.

## II. ELIGIBILITY OF ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS

- 1. Organizers / Instructors
- Must be registered dentists with valid State Dental Council registration.
- For specialty courses (e.g., Orthodontics, Implantology, Surgery), the instructor must hold a recognized postgraduate qualification (MDS) in the relevant subject.
- Their name and registration number should be publicly displayed on the course announcement.
- 2. Participants
- Must be registered BDS graduates for basic clinical courses.
- For specialty workshops (e.g., fixed orthodontics, sinus lift, surgical implantology), only MDS specialists or those undergoing MDS training should be allowed.

### **III. PATIENT SAFETY & PROTOCOLS**

- 1. Informed Consent
- Written, informed consent must be obtained from all patients.
- Patients must be clearly told that they will be treated by participants (not only the main doctor), under supervision.
- 2. Screening and Case Selection
- Only non-complex, low-risk cases should be selected for hands-on treatment.
- Complete case history, medical clearance (if required), and radiographic evaluation must be done prior.
- 3. Supervision
- A qualified specialist (MDS in the relevant field) must personally supervise every procedure.
- One-on-one supervision should be ensured during critical procedures like extractions, implant placements, etc.
- 4. Sterilization and Emergency Preparedness
- The venue must have:
- Proper sterilization equipment (autoclave, ultrasonic cleaner).
- Emergency drugs and oxygen supply.
- · A designated clinical coordinator for emergencies.
- 5. Post-Treatment Follow-up
- Clear guidelines must be provided to patients for follow-up.
- Organizers must be responsible for managing complications, if any, for at least 30 days post-treatment.

#### IV. DOCUMENTATION AND RECORDS

- Maintain a record of all patients treated, including:
- Consent forms
- Pre and post-treatment photos
- Procedure notes
- Supervising doctor's name and signature
- Maintain participant attendance and feedback records.

#### V. PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT PROTOCOL

- Promotional content must include:
  - Names and qualifications of instructors
  - Eligibility criteria for participants
  - Mention of patient consent and ethical practices
- Avoid misleading terms like "certified specialist" unless recognized by DCI or a dental university.

### VI. CERTIFICATION

- Only issue certificates stating "Participation in Hands-On Workshop under Supervision".
- Avoid awarding titles like "certified implantologist" or "certified orthodontist" unless the course is accredited by a university or DCI-approved body.

## VII. AUDIT & GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL

- State Dental Council reserves the right to:
  - Inspect the workshop
  - Audit records
  - Take action in case of patient complaints or unqualified practice

#### **Conclusion:**

These guidelines aim to protect patients, uphold the dignity of the dental profession, and ensure that educational activities enhance clinical skills without compromising safety or ethics.

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