ADVISORY

To,

1. The Principal Secretary (Medical Education/Health & Family Welfare) of all State/UT Governments.
2. The Principal/Dean of all the Dental Colleges in the Country.
3. The Registrar of all the State Dental Council’s/Dentists Registration Tribunal’s in the Country.

Sub: Revision in the Order dated 13.05.2020 – Advisory for the Dental Surgeon for COVID-19.

In supersession of this Council’s Order No.DE-22-BDS(Academic)-2020/13052020 dated the 13th May, 2020; the undersigned, in fact, intended to communicate that the Dental Surgeons by nature of their general training are aware and can be involved judiciously in the activities relating to COVID-19 after thorough and comprehensive training with provision of adequate personal protection. The Dental Surgeons during this extraordinary and unprecedented situation are ready to join forces and work towards making the country COVID-free.

2. The Council in its earlier advisory issued vide letter No.DE-118-2020/04042020 dated the 4th April, 2020 made it very clear that the Dental Surgeons can perform the following activities on COVID-19 after thorough and comprehensive training with provision of adequate personal protection:
   i. Pre-screening and Triage of patients. (It may include medical examination and swab collection after ample training).
   ii. Recording Case history and Identification of vulnerable age groups.
   iii. Community engagement and participation.
   iv. Health facility Infection Control Management.
   v. Administrative work related to COVID-19 from purchases, record management etc.
   vi. Health Dashboard maintenance and IEC related activities.
   vii. Post discharge counseling and management of patients.
   viii. Review supply chains and stocks of essential medicines.
   ix. Organizing capacity building and training for healthcare professionals.

Further, it was also made clear that the Dental Surgeons may be utilized prudently and can discharge direct duties under COVID-19 team like duties in isolation wards or any duties assigned by the authorities but they are required to undergo adequate and specific medical training so as to perform their duties / assignment and work under direct medical supervision following all necessary COVID-19 protocol.

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3. Accordingly, the Dental Council of India hereby again advises to all the concerned authorities of the respective States/U.T.s/District Authorities etc. to follow the aforesaid guidelines/advisory.

This advisory is with prior approval from the Competent Authority of DCI.

Yours faithfully

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Secretary
Dental Council of India

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