

## Medical & Health Department, Govt. of Rajasthan

Swasthya Bhawan, Tilak Marg, C-Scheme JAIPUR

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All
Principal & Controllers – Medical Colleges
Medical Superintendents – MC Hospitals
Joint Directors, Zones
PMOs/CM&HOs

Sub: To ensure rational prescription of investigations and constitution of "Ethics Committee" for investigation audit

As you are all aware the state government has announced the launch of Mukhyamantri Nishulk Janch Yojana at all medical college institutions as also District Hospitals, Sub-division & Satellite Hospitals of the state with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2013. With its implementation it is likely that the number of patients would increase considerably; it is also possible that some patients would visit hospitals and might insist for some investigations which are not required. Similarly some may demand X-rays which will lead to unwarranted exposure to radiations and may be hazardous. Hence, doctors are expected to exercise their clinical judgment in a rational manner so that only the required investigations are advised. This would ensure judicious utilization of available resources and avoid unnecessary burden on the laboratory and X-ray department. In addition some patients would also require proper counselling regarding the non-requirement of the investigations insisted upon. This would avoid patient doctor conflicts.

In context to the above you are hereby directed to constitute an "Ethics Committee" at the institutions under chairmanship of MS/PMO comprising of incharge of Radiology and in-charge of Pathology services for auditing laboratory and radiological investigations prescribed by the doctors at the institution. It is advisable that a monthly audit be undertaken by the said committee for 1% of the investigations prescribed and necessary action taken at your level to redress the issues thereof.

Kindly constitute the committee within a week of receipt of this letter and inform the undersigned of the details at phsrajasthan@gmail.com with a copy to rmsc.mnjy@gmail.com.

Chairman, RMSC

Principal Secretary (M, H&FW)

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