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NOTICE

Sub.: Updated advisory for COVID-19 outbreak.

Dear Colleagues,

As per our previous letter of advisory for safety during COVID-19 pandemic we advised to complete shutdown of dental clinics across India till 31st March, 2020 or any further notification.

Since for us, the safety of our professionals is of utmost importance, we advise you to continue the **complete shutdown of dental clinics across India till the government has announced lock down** because one carrier patient of COVID-19 who visit for dental issues, can be hazard for the society.

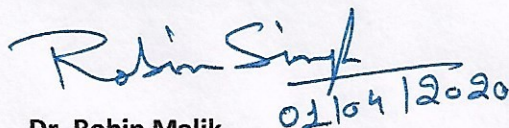
Please be available to your patients on telephone and keep them advising prescriptions over the phone and keep guiding them. So, follow the lockdown completely and help the government authorities fully in this time of emergency and should refer your patient of highest emergency to a Health Care setup where COVID-19 protocols are obeyed completely.

Please remember **"One burst of aerosol in your dental clinic can cause a damage equivalent to Agni missile"**.

The decision is taken for the sake of public health and as an abundance of caution during this serious outbreak. Please support the government and help mankind to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

#KnowCorona #NoCorona

With Regards,


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Important Note: Treat all patient under suspicion of COVID-19 only after wearing **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and face shields** (which are also not available easily).

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Attaching differentiation of Urgency and Emergency:

Any ailment which gets symptomatic relief by medication **should not be attended.**

Other procedures can also be divided into:

Emergency: Patients who require emergency care are those requiring immediate attention in order to minimise the risk of serious medical complications or prevent long-term dental complications. Their condition means they are most likely to present in Accident & Emergency departments with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uncontrollable dental haemorrhage following extractions;• Rapidly increasing swelling around the throat or eye;• Trauma confined to the dental arches.	Urgency: only those dental procedures should be performed where there is no aerosol generated
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To help clarify this new advice, non-exhaustive list of Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs):

- Use of high-speed handpieces for routine restorative procedures
- Use of Cavitron, Piezosonic or other mechanised scalers
- Polishing teeth
- High pressure 3:1 air syringe ("NB Risk of aerosols could be reduced when using a 3:1 if only the irrigation function is used, followed by low pressure air flow from the 3:1 and all performed with directed high-volume suction. Dry guards, cotton wool or gauze can also help with drying and moisture control")

Appeal: whenever you get a call for Dental Consultancy, please guide, motivate and counsel them to follow **Complete Lockdown** and not to follow any social media rumours and just ask everyone to adhere to **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare** notifications only.

**"All Heroes don't have to fight in 1st line,
Some Heroes are an Asset backstage."**

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