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NOTICE TO HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

UNDERTAKING OF MAJOR INVASIVE PROCEDURES BY PERSONNEL REGISTERED UNDER THE COUNCIL AND LIABILITY FOR MISUSE OF PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council ("the Council") issues this Circular pursuant to its mandate under the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act, Cap. 253, Laws of Kenya, to regulate the training and practice of medicine and dentistry and to protect the public.

Major Invasive procedures to be undertaken only by qualified and registered personnel

All health institutions and healthcare providers are hereby reminded that all major invasive procedures shall be undertaken only by medical and dental personnel who are duly registered and licensed by the Council, and who are practising within the scope of their registration and current practising licence. This requirement is essential to ensure patient protection, quality of care, and accountability. Unqualified persons performing major invasive procedures expose patients to avoidable harm, undermine professional standards, and constitute an offence under Cap. 253 and related health laws. Health facility managers/administrators shall not permit, schedule, or advertise major invasive procedures unless a Council-registered and licensed practitioner is physically responsible for the procedure and the patient's care. Health institutions that allow unqualified persons to undertake major invasive procedures, or that facilitate the misuse of practitioners' credentials, will be deemed to have failed in their duty of care to patients and may face regulatory sanctions, including suspension or cancellation of facility licences, in accordance with Cap 253 and applicable regulations.

Liability for allowing use of credentials by others to obtain pre-authorisation

Practitioners are reminded that registration numbers, practising licences, professional stamps, signatures, and related credentials are personal to the registered practitioner. They must not be lent, shared, or otherwise used by any other person to seek pre-authorisation from insurers, the Social Health Authority, or any other payer, or to represent that a procedure will be, or has been, performed by the named practitioner when that is not the case. Any practitioner who allows another person to use their credentials for pre-authorisation, billing, or related purposes shall be held personally liable. Such conduct may amount to professional misconduct and/or fraud, and may attract disciplinary proceedings before the Council, including suspension or cancellation of registration or licence, in addition to any civil or criminal liability.

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