



**INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (HQS.)
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Code of Conduct : Doctor Nurse Professional Relationship

Professional relationships between Doctors and Nurses strengthen quality patient care.

Doctors to follow MCI Ethics regulations in general and the following in particular:-

- Physicians should recognize and promote the practice of nursing as profession and should seek their cooperation wherever required.
- In the case of running of a nursing home by a physician and employing nurses, the ultimate responsibility rests on the physician.
- To employ registered nurses in all health care settings.

Nurses to adhere to International code of ethics and Code of professional conduct developed by International Council for Nurses (1973) and Indian Nursing Council

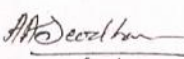
The goal of this Doctor-Nurse relationship shall be to create a congenial environment where nurses and doctors are able to make each other's decision in an assertive manner.

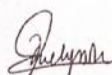
- The relationship between the Doctor and the Nurse be based on ethical and professional concern for better patient care.
- The goal of this partnerships shall be based on shared responsibility and accountability for increasing quality care and patient safety.
- Although the nurses carry out Doctor's prescription as part of their job, at the same time the registered nurse is duty bound to contradict with the same in case the same interfered with standards of patient care and professional nursing practice. An ethical Doctor should neither expect nor insist that nurses blindly follow his orders contrary to set standards of good ethical, medical and nursing practice
- In emergencies, when prompt action is necessary and the treating doctor is not immediately available, a nurse may be justified in acting of her/his own for the safety of the patient as per standing order and institution protocol. This protection and insulation is every one's Right under Section 92 of the Indian Penal Code "Act done in good faith for benefit of a person without consent".

It is mandated that doctors and nurses strictly follow their respective code of ethics in rendering patient care.


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