



PHC/CEO/COVID/85

Dated: June 22, 2020

To

All Public and Private Hospitals/ Medical Centers

**Subject: TRIAL OF PASSIVE IMMUNIZATION BY TRANSFUSION OF PLASMA
DONATED BY RECOVERED PATIENTS OF COVID-19**

Ref: letter No. SO (PHP) 9-149/2007/2020, dated 19-06-2020 from Government of the Punjab, Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education Department, on the subject cited above.

2. It is quoted in the above-referred letter that clinical trial for transfusion of plasma from COVID-19 recovered patients is still underway and few patients have received this treatment, yet, there has been media hype for its success in treating COVID-19 patients. Also, the consultants in certain public and private hospitals, which are not registered for trial, are also prescribing plasma to patients without following any protocols. This tantamounts to malpractice on their part.

3. Keeping in view the above quoted facts; transfusion of plasma from COVID-19 recovered patients, by hospitals/ consultants without permission from Corona Expert Advisory Group (CEAG) comes under the definition of malpractice and is strictly prohibited.

4. Any hospital/ consultant found to be involved in illegal practice of COVID-19 plasma transfusion without approval from CEAG, will be dealt with strictly as per PHC Act, 2010.

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