



# Delhi Medical Council

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## C I R C U L A R

The National Medical Commission vide its letter F.No.R-19022/08/2023/Ethics 048032 dated 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, has observed that instances have come to the notice of Ethics and Medical Registration Board where registered Medical Practitioners claim to be a specialist without having requisite qualification in a particular Branch. The issue of self-proclaimed specialist or super specialist with unrecognized medical degrees and diplomas has also been raised by organizations working in the field.

The Delhi Medical Council, therefore, observes that making a claim of being a specialist without holding a recognized post-graduate qualification in any subject, is clear violation of Regulation 7.20 and 1.4.2 of the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics), Regulations, 2002. The contents of which are reproduced herein-below, failing which they shall be liable for disciplinary action.

*7.20- "A Physician shall not claim to be specialist unless he has a special qualification in that branch".*

*1.4.2- "Physicians shall display as suffix to their names only recognized medical degrees or such certificates/diplomas and memberships/honours which confer professional knowledge or recognizes any exemplary qualification/achievements."*

The Delhi Medical Council, therefore, directs that the Registered Medical Practitioners of the Delhi Medical Council should refrain themselves from the violation of the Regulations 7.20 and 1.4.2 of the Indian Medical Council(Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics), Regulations, 2002.

(Dr. Girish Tyagi)  
Registrar cum Secretary

Enclosed : National Medical Commission's letter F.No.R-022/08/2023/Ethics  
048032 dated 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

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**ETHICS AND MEDICAL REGISTRATION BOARD**

F.No. R-19022/08/2023/Ethics 0118032

Dated: 17 August 2023

To,

The Registrars  
All State Medical Councils(As per list)

Subject: Registered practitioners to not display any degree/qualification which is not recognized by MCI/NMC regarding

Sir/Madam,

Instances have come to the notice of Ethics and Medical Registration Board where registered Medical Practitioners claim to be a specialist without having requisite qualification in a particular Branch.

- The issue of self proclaimed specialist or super specialist with unrecognized medical degrees and diplomas has also been raised by organizations working in the field.
- In order to increase the awareness of the common citizens as well as unregistered doctors on unethical practices across all the states in India, it is necessary to spread the message against the use of any fake/unrecognized medical degrees by Registered Medical Practitioners and the punitive action that comes with it, including suspension/cancellation of their medical registrations in accordance to the law.
- In this regard, all SMCs are requested to spread awareness about provisions contained in Regulations of NMC according to which Registered Medical Practitioner shall not claim to be a clinical specialist unless he/she has NMC recognized training & qualification in that specific branch of modern medicine.

Yours faithfully,

Mittal  
13/8/23

(Manish Kumar Mittal)

Undersecretary(Ethics), EMRB

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