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**Government of India**  
**National Medical Commission**  
**(Policy & Coordination Division)**



Pocket- 14, Sector- 8,  
Dwarka, Phase-1, New Delhi-77  
Dated: 15-12-2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Sub: Ban on e-cigarettes and HTPs and promoting responsible research with healthcare community – reg.**

The Government have vide the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, manufacture, import, export, transport, sale, distribution, storage and advertisement) Act, 2019 (PECA, 2019) unequivocally banned the use of e-cigarettes, HTPs and like devices in India. In light of the same, it is imperative that all healthcare professionals affiliated with the NMC refrain from initiating or participating in any research activities related to e-cigarettes and HTPs without obtaining the necessary approvals from the Dte.GHS and MoHFW.

2. A copy of the D.O. letter No. H.11013/03/2021-TC dated 08 December, 2023 is attached herewith for information and compliance by all healthcare professionals affiliated with the NMC.
3. This issues with the approval of Chairman, NMC

Signed by

Pankaj Naresh Agrawal

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DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HEALTH SERVICES

D.O. letter No. H.11013/03/2021-TC  
Dated the : 08 December, 2023

*Dear Dr Gangadhar*

I am writing to address a matter of utmost importance concerning healthcare professional's engagement in research related to electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and heated tobacco products (HTPs).

2. As you are aware, the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage, and Advertisement) Act, 2019 (PECA 2019), has unequivocally banned the use of e-cigarettes, HTPs and like devices in India. In light of this, it is imperative that all healthcare professionals affiliated with the National Medical Commission (NMC) and the Indian Medical Association (IMA) refrain from initiating or participating in any research activities related to e-cigarettes and HTPs without obtaining the necessary approvals from the Dte.GHS and MoHFW. In this regard, I would request that necessary instructions please be issued to all healthcare professionals affiliated with the National Medical Commission (NMC) and the Indian Medical Association (IMA).
3. I trust that the NMC and IMA can play a pivotal role in disseminating this directive among their members, emphasizing the gravity of adherence to the ban on e-cigarettes and HTPs, and promoting responsible research within the healthcare community.
4. I thank you for your anticipated cooperation commitment to maintaining the highest standards of healthcare practice and research in our country.

*With Warm Personal Regards,*

Yours sincerely,

*Atul Goel*  
(Atul Goel)

**Dr. B.N. Gangadhar**  
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**Copy for information to:-**

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