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(ACADEMIC SECTION)

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OFFICE-MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines for the conduct and broadcast of Live Surgeries/Procedures at AIIMS, New Delhi.

The undersigned is directed to convey the approval of the Competent Authority regarding the guidelines developed by the Oversight and Compliance Committee for Conduct and Broadcasting of Live Surgeries at AIIMS, New Delhi. Henceforth, the following approved guidelines for the conduction and broadcast of Life Surgeries/Procedures at AIIMS, New Delhi shall be followed/implemented with immediate effect: -

AIIMS Guidelines for the Conduct and Broadcast of Live Surgeries/Procedures

1. Purpose:

- To provide a structured, ethical, safe, and legally compliant framework for conducting and broadcasting live surgeries or procedures of any speciality at AIIMS, New Delhi, for academic purposes, including conferences, CMEs, workshops, and institutional training.

2. Scope:

- These guidelines apply to all the centres/departments/divisions/central facilities organising live workshops/procedures at AIIMS, New Delhi.

3. Guiding Principles:

- Patient safety and dignity must supersede all academic objectives.
- Confidentiality must be absolute.
- Pre-recorded surgeries are preferred unless a live demonstration is essential.
- Live surgeries or procedures are to be considered only when simulation, cadaveric or recorded videos cannot achieve the educational objective.

4. Eligibility Criteria:

- A member of the organising team must remain physically present in the operation theatre (OT)/procedural room.
- Foreign Medical Practitioners require NMC temporary permission and State Medical Council approval.
- Operating surgeon must have a minimum of 5 years post-speciality experience.
- The members of the team performing surgery/ procedure should not have any commercial interest with the equipment or implant manufacturer/supplier. No company logos, equipment branding, or sponsored content will be permitted anywhere in the operating/procedural room, on slides, on banners, or on the live stream interface.

5. Hospital and OT Requirements:

- The OT/procedural room must be fully equipped for the surgery/procedure.
- Anaesthesia, radiology, ICU and other specialities (if indicated) backup must be readily available.
- If safety standards are not met, only recorded videos may be permitted.

6. Patient-Related Protocols:

- Avoid high-risk or unpredictable cases. Prefer standard, predictable cases rather than complex, rare, or extreme cases. Case selection should align with the educational objective.
- Treatment of the patient must not be delayed due to the broadcasting schedule.
- The preoperative workup must be completed before finalising the operating room list for the Live workshop.
- No financial benefits allowed to patients.
- Any complications must be managed free of cost at AIIMS.
- Written informed consent is mandatory.

7. Conduct During Live Surgery:

- Real-time interaction between the operating surgeon and the audience is not permitted.

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- Commentary is permitted but without two-way communication.
- The moderator should manage audience communication.
- There should be no deviation from standard clinical practice. In the event of any major complication during the procedure, the live video broadcast must be discontinued to allow the clinical team to manage the situation in the best possible manner, without the added pressure of live audience viewership.

8. Responsibilities:

- Organisers must ensure compliance, data privacy, consent verification, and safety.
- The organising team must follow ethical standards, remain involved in the full perioperative period, and ensure adequate postoperative care.
- There should be no unnecessary personnel; OT discipline explicitly mandated.
- Full unedited recording must be archived for a minimum of two years.

9. Permission Framework:

- Permissions should be sought as per AIIMS norms for organising a workshop with explicit mentioning of details related to Live surgeries/procedures and their requirement.
- NMC/DMC approval is required for Foreign Medical Practitioners.

10. Additional Recommendations:

- Prefer pre-recorded demonstrations when feasible.
- Maintain a logbook of all live surgical broadcasts.
- Ensure adherence to digital health privacy regulations [Vide Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDP Act), 2023]

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Live Surgery Broadcast

This SOP outlines essential steps to ensure safety, ethical standards, and regulatory compliance.

1. Obtain pre-approval as per AIIMS norms for organising a workshop with explicit mentioning of details related to Live surgeries and their requirement.
2. Choose an appropriate patient and acquire informed consent.
3. Verify OT readiness, equipment, backup, and technical setup.
4. Hold a briefing meeting with all teams.
5. Maintain data privacy and ensure non-commercial conduct.
6. Archive the full unedited recording for at least two years.

In this context, the consent format for the Live Surgical Broadcast, as well as the permission to conduct and Broadcast Live Surgery, is attached herewith for information and further action.

This has been issued with the approval of the Director, AIIMS, New Delhi.


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1. PPS/PS to Director, AIIMS/Dean (Academics)/Addl. Director (Admin.)
2. All CoCs and HoDs/ PICs/ Faculty Members
3. Medical Superintendent (Main/RPCOS)/ Addl Medical Superintendents
4. PIC, Faculty Cell
5. Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
6. The Content Provider (Thr: PIC, CF) to kindly upload the same on the AIIMS website & circulate the notification to all HODs/CoCs and Department mail.

Informed Consent for Live Surgical Broadcast

I, _____, hereby voluntarily consent to undergo the proposed surgical procedure and agree to its live broadcast for educational purposes. I understand the following:

1. The broadcast is solely for academic and training purposes.
2. My identity will remain confidential; no facial or identifiable visuals will be shown.
3. I will NOT receive any financial incentive.
4. I may withdraw consent at any time before the procedure.
5. The surgery will follow standard clinical protocols and will not be modified for broadcast.
6. Any complications will be managed at no additional cost to me.

Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____

Doctor Obtaining Consent: _____

PS: This consent in addition to the routine written informed consent as per protocol for the surgery and anaesthesia

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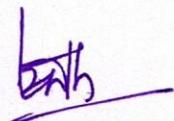
Application Form for Permission to Conduct and Broadcast Live Surgery

1. Title of Programme:
2. Date & Time:
3. Organising Department:
4. Details of Operating Surgeon (Name, Qualification, Registration No., Experience):
5. Foreign Medical Practitioner Details (if applicable):
6. List of Surgery/Procedure
7. Justification for Live Surgery:
8. Informed Consent Confirmation:

I, declare that all ethical standards will be maintained during the Live surgery/procedure and there is no commercial interest for the mentioned Live workshop.

Signatures (Organising Chairman):

Please refer to the document of the National Medical Commission [vide no.R-13014/02/2024/Ethics, dated 26 July 2025].

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