

**INDIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL  
(Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics)  
Regulations, 2002 (AMENDED UPTO 8th OCTOBER 2016)**

Summary of the Code of conduct for doctors and professional association of doctors in their relationship with pharmaceutical and allied health sector industry along with consequences in a tabular easy to read format.

**Regarding gifts**

More Than ₹ 1,000/- up to ₹ 5,000/-	Censure
More Than ₹ 5,000/- up to ₹ 10,000/-	Removal from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for 3 (three) months.
More Than ₹ 10,000/- up to ₹ 50,000/-	Removal from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for 6 (six) months.
More Than ₹ 50,000/- up to ₹ 1,00,000/-	Removal from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for 1 (one) year.
More Than ₹ 1,00,000/-	Removal for a period of more than 1 (one) year from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register.





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### Regarding Travel

Expenses for travel facilities more than ₹ 1,000/- up to ₹ 5,000/-	Censure
Expenses for travel facilities more than ₹ 5,000/- up to ₹ 10,000/-	Removal from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for 3 (three) months.
Expenses for travel facilities more than ₹ 10,000/- up to ₹ 50,000/-:	Removal from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for 6 (six) months.
Expenses for travel facilities more than ₹ 50,000/- up to ₹ 1,00,000/-	Removal from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for 1 (one) year
Expenses for travel facilities more than ₹ 1,00,000/-	Removal from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for more than 1 (one) year





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### Regarding Hospitality

Expenses for Hospitality more than ₹ 1,000/- up to ₹ 5,000/-	Censure
Expenses for Hospitality more than ₹ 5,000/- up to ₹ 10,000/-	Removal from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for 3 (three) months.
Expenses for Hospitality more than ₹ 10,000/- up to ₹ 50,000/-:	Removal from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for 6 (six) months.
Expenses for Hospitality more than ₹ 50,000/- up to ₹ 1,00,000/-	Removal from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for 1 (one) year
Expenses for Hospitality more than ₹ 1,00,000/-	Removal from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for more than 1 (one) year



### Regarding Cash or monetary gains

Cash or monetary grants more than ₹ 1,000/- up to ₹ 5,000/-	Censure
Cash or monetary grants more than ₹ 5,000/- up to ₹ 10,000/-	Removal from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for 3 (three) months.
Cash or monetary grants more than ₹ 10,000/- up to ₹ 50,000/-:	Removal from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for 6 (six) months.
Cash or monetary grants more than ₹ 50,000/- up to ₹ 1,00,000/-	Removal from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for 1 (one) year
Cash or monetary grants more than ₹ 1,00,000/-	Removal from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for more than 1 (one) year



### Regarding Medical Research

<p>A medical practitioner may carry out, participate in, work in research projects funded by pharmaceutical and allied healthcare industries.</p> <p>A medical practitioner is obliged to know that the fulfillment of the following items (i) to (vii) will be an imperative for undertaking any research assignment / project funded by industry – for being proper and ethical. Thus, in accepting such a position a medical practitioner shall: -</p> <p>(i) Ensure that the particular research proposal(s) has the due permission from the competent concerned authorities.</p> <p>(ii) Ensure that such a research project(s) has the clearance of national/ state /institutional ethics committees / bodies.</p> <p>(iii) Ensure that it fulfils all the legal requirements prescribed for medical research.</p> <p>(iv) Ensure that the source and amount of funding is publicly disclosed at the beginning itself.</p> <p>(v) Ensure that proper care and facilities are provided to human volunteers, if they are necessary for the research project(s).</p> <p>(vi) Ensure that undue animal experimentations are not done and when these are necessary they are done in a scientific and a humane way.</p> <p>(vii) Ensure that while accepting such an assignment a medical practitioner shall have the freedom to publish the results of the research in the greater interest of the society by inserting such a clause in the MoU or any other document / agreement for any such assignment.</p>	<p>First time censure, and there after removal of name from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for a period depending upon the violation of the clause.</p>
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### Regarding Maintaining Professional Autonomy

<p>In dealing with pharmaceutical and allied healthcare industry a medical practitioner shall always ensure that there shall never be any compromise either with his/her own professional autonomy and/or with the autonomy and freedom of the medical institution.</p>	<p>First time censure, and thereafter removal of name from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for a period depending upon the violation of the clause.</p>
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### Regarding Affiliations

<p>A medical practitioner may work for pharmaceutical and allied healthcare industries in advisory capacities, as consultants, as researchers, as treating doctors or in any other professional capacity. In doing so, a medical practitioner shall always:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ensure that his professional integrity and freedom are maintained.</li> <li>(ii) Ensure that patients interest are not compromised in any way.</li> <li>(iii) Ensure that such affiliations are within the law.</li> <li>(iv) Ensure that such affiliations / employments are fully transparent and disclosed</li> </ul>	<p>First time censure, and thereafter removal of name from Indian Medical Register or State Medical Register for a period depending upon the violation of the clause.</p>
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### Regarding Endorsement

A medical practitioner shall not endorse any drug or product of the industry publicly. Any study conducted on the efficacy or otherwise of such products shall be presented to and / or through appropriate scientific bodies or published in appropriate scientific journals in a proper way.

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