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Press Release

“IMA-No Incentive Initiative” launched

IMA discourages its 2.5 Lakh members against the unethical practice of taking or giving incentives.

New Delhi, Jan 7, 2017: IMA stands for transparent and ethical practice in the medical community and strives to safeguard this noble profession. It has come to light that certain notorious practices are propagating in the Indian medical setting despite stringent regulations and monitoring.

These issues include sex selective abortions and incentives taken or given among colleagues and from patients. Incentives are defined by payment or concession in any form given when no service from the doctor is attached.

Padma Shri Awardee Dr. K.K Aggarwal - National Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Heart Care Foundation of India (HCFI) and Dr RN Tandon Honorary Secretary General IMA in a joint statement said, “IMA will have zero tolerance for unethical practices including sex selective abortions for non-medical purposes and cuts and commissions. IMA will boycott any person indulging in unethical sex selective practices. We are happy to note that many IMA branches have taken up the ‘IMA-No Incentive Initiative’.”

“If any doctor or hospital violates this model code of conduct, then the complaint can be investigated by the IMA local ethical committee. The punitive action includes suspension from the local IMA branch”, added **Dr. Aggarwal**.

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About IMA: Indian Medical Association is the only representative, national voluntary organization of Doctors of Modern Scientific System of Medicine, which looks after the interest of doctors as well as the well being of the community at large. It has its Headquarter in Delhi and State / Terr. Branches in 29 States and Union Territories. It has over 2, 53,000 doctors as its members through more than 1650 active local branches spread across the country.

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