

Minutes of meeting of 23 January 2024

Online meeting of MLSI was organised on Tuesday 23 January 2024 at 8.50 pm.
It was attended by

Dr. Sanjay Gupte.

Dr. Mukesh Yadav.

Dr. Mahesh Sinha.

Dr. Pratibha Kane

Dr. Gautam Salunkhe

Dr. Manisha Jagtap

Dr. Rishabh Rana

Dr. Dayanand Gannur.

Dr. Vandana Pandey

Dr. Ravi Malenavar.

Dr. Uday Kumar Nuchhi.

Dr. Rajeev Joshi.

Dr. Ashish Khatod

Apologies for missing the names of attendees who joined late, stayed for a while and left in between. Following points were discussed during meeting

MOHFW's Guidelines for admission and discharge of patients in ICU

Dr. Pratibha Kane shared the objections on MOHFW guidelines in form of powerpoint presentation. After this presentation Dr. Sinha said that it is not clear whether these guidelines are mandatory or optional on which Dr. Kane replied that this objection is already included. Dr. Sinha further pointed out that shortage of trained staff is a big issue.

Dr. Rana suggested that instead of term Metro ICU's, term tertiary care ICU's is more correct as small ICU's are present in metro cities also, and smaller towns may have tertiary care centres. All attendees agreed. Dr. Sinha suggested omitting the sentence " role of AYUSH is not defined" as it is controversial, to which all attendees agreed.

After this Dr. Joshi shared a draft of a letter to be sent to PMO containing objections and suggestions on these guidelines and asked for suggestions on this letter. Dr. Rana said that many ICU's are run by a single doctor, creating a committee of 3 doctors will become troublesome for them. Dr. Joshi replied that this concept of

3 doctor committee was originally prescribed by the Supreme court in its judgements related to organ donation, withdrawal of life support etc. and we copied this concept from these judgements. Dr. Sinha and Dr. Salunkhe said that as ICU requires round the clock availability of medical care, it is not possible for a single person to manage an ICU, it may be owned by a single person but for Management team work is required.

Dr. Sinha requested attendees to discuss the time limit prescribed for committees to submit their report and after discussion it was decided that the time limit should be 12 hours.

Dr. Dayanand asked who will be responsible for issuing death certificates of patients who died during transfer from one hospital to another. Dr. Joshi replied that the referring hospital has to issue a death certificate in such cases. Dr. Manisha suggested that the confirmation of availability of bed and assent of the receiving hospital should be taken before shifting the patients; she further told about difficulties faced by doctors and relatives in this situation. Dr Joshi agreed and said that this is a different issue and we are dealing with this issue through IA in suo motu PIL filed by Bombay HC regarding death of patients in GMC Nanded, He described in brief about this IA.

Dr. Joshi proposed to send this letter to the PMO within a couple of days and will wait for 15 days. If no reply is received, we will send a reminder and then file a writ petition before Bombay HC for issuing stay on these guidelines

Meeting ended at 10 pm with a resolution to meet on Tuesday 06 February 2024.

Dr. Rajeev Joshi

Dr. Ashish Khatod