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Our College has deep concern on the recent medical incident of 4 patients after receiving intravascular infusion later developing septic shock with one death at a beauty parlour. The mishap is an example of a high risk procedure, not evidence based, being carried out in a non regulated premise, a beauty parlour, by a medical practitioner without serious concern on its inherent risks.

We strongly advocate that high risk aesthetic /cosmetic procedures should only be performed by qualified medical practitioners with the necessary training putting the safety of our patients/consumers as the top priority. Thus, There is a dire need to classify aesthetic / cosmetic procedures according to the level of risks to patients/consumers, in order to differentiate the high risk procedures from the low risk non invasive aesthetic/cosmetic procedures.

We strongly advocate that any aesthetic/cosmetic procedure for patients /clients must be evidence based and only performed with their best interests in mind. We have reservation on the use of procedures without scientific support to anyone.

The premises for carrying out these procedures are important, and invasive procedures even with minimal risk, should be done by qualified medical practitioners only in regulated premises. There is also a need to review Cap 165 and Cap 343 which do not provide sufficient regulation of private healthcare premises, ambulatory medical centres and non medical facilities like beauty parlours.

Facial plastic surgery is one of the main subspecialty areas in ENT practice. Facial plastic surgery is an integral part of training and examination for higher surgical trainees in Otorhinolaryngology and is an integral part of practice of our College fellows.

Continuous medical education is an important aspect of good practice. Our College has, together with the two University ENT Departments, run regular conferences, training courses and cadaver dissection workshops on facial plastic surgery. Commission training courses on facial plastic surgery have also been run with the support of the Hospital Authority in the past.

Our College is ready to contribute advice and further input on these pertinent issues for the regulation of the procedures that can be done in beauty parlours, and last, to provide credentialing advice on invasive aesthetic procedures."

Yours sincerely

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