

Setting of State Accreditation Authority (ART), State Appropriate Authority (ART) and District Appropriate Authority (ART) in the State of Gujarat.

**Govt. of Gujarat
Health and Family Welfare Department
G. R. No. FPW/102005/GOI/145/GH
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
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Read:

1. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi D.O. No.N.11027/59/2003-TO dated 29/11/2005.
2. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi letter No.N.24026/55/05-PNDT/TO, dated 21/10/2005.
3. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi D.O. No.N.11027/59/2003-TO(Pt.I) dated 1/2/2007.
4. Health & Family Welfare Deptt., Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar Notification dated.23.04.2007 & dated 07.05.07.
5. Proposal from Commissioner, Health and Medical Services and Medical Education (HS), Gandhinagar Dated 25/7/2007.

Preamble:

According to the directions of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI, In accordance of the guidelines for accreditation, supervision and regulation of ART clinics in the State, which is serially cited in preamble at Sr.No.1, 2 & 3. A proposal of Commissionerate of Health, Gandhinagar cited in preamble at Sr. No. 5 for setting of State Accreditation Authority (ART), State Appropriate Authority (ART) and District Appropriate Authority (ART) was acting consideration, after careful consideration the State Government has decided to Setting of State Accreditation Authority (ART), State Appropriate Authority (ART) and District Appropriate Authority (ART) as under with immediate effect.

Resolution: -

1. The State Accreditation Authority(ART) shall consist of :

Sr. No.	Designation	Address/Details
1	Chairman	Principal Seretary (Health), Health & Family Welfare Dept. Govt. of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
2	Co - Chairman	Commissioner, Health, Medical services & Medical Education (HS), Gandhinagar
3	Member Secretary	Joint Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Dept. , Govt. of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
4	Representative of the Indian Council of Medical Reseaarch	To be nominated by ICMR, New Delhi, Govt. of India.
5	Representative of the National Academy of Medical Sciences.	To be nominated by National Academy of Medical Sciences .
6	Representative from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. pf India	To be nominated by Secretary Health & FW, Ministry of Health & FW, Govt. of India,Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.
7	Representative of a Scientific Society that deals with ART. Care must be taken to ensure that such a representative should be from a society that has democratically elected office bearers and is governed by reasonable rules and regulations. The representative must have a proven track record of having contributed significantly to ART. The nature of the person's association with commercial companies must be made known publicly.	To be nominated by Scientific Society ART, Ahmedabad
8	A social scientist of repute	Dr. Leela Visaria, Director, 4 Abhinav Colony, Drive-in Road, Ahmedabad
9	The Chairman of the National Bioethics Committee	The Chairman of the National Bioethics Committee, BJMC, Ahmedabad
10	A Gynecological endocrinologist.	Dr.Parul Kotdawala, Gynec.and Endocrinologist, Paldi Ahmedabad

11	A Gynecological Sonographer.	Dr. A.V.Mehta, Sonologist, Ahmedabad
12	An operative Gynecologist.	Dr. Ajesh Desai, I/C Prof. of Obst & Gynec. Department, BJMC College, Ahmedabad
13	A mammalian reproductive biologist	Dr. Himanshu Patel, Ahmedabad
14	An andrologist.	Dr. Abhay Khandekar, Ahmedabad
15	An representative of NGOs.	Director GRC, Ahmedabad
16	A counselor	Dr.Meenakashi Poneek,Ahmedabad
17	A representative of patients	To be Nomenated by Prof. & HOD Obst. & Gynec Department BJMC, Ahmedabad
18	A medico. Legal expert.	Prof. & HoD, Forensic Medicine Department,BJMC,Ahmedabad.
19	A representative of FOGSI	To be Nominated by FOGSI, Ahmedabad Branch, Ahmedabad.
20	A representative of ISSRF	To be Nominated by ISSRF, Ahmedabad Branch,Ahmedabad.

2. The functions of State Accreditation Authority (ART), inter-alia, include.

- To review the activities of Appropriate Authorities functioning in the State and take appropriate action against them.
- To monitor the implementation of the provision of the Guidelines by ART clinics.
- To order closure of an ART Clinic if the ethical Guidelines and operative procedures laid down in the Guidelines are not followed.

3. The functions of State Appropriate Authority (ART), inter-alia, include.

- To grant or suspend registration of an ART Clinic;
- To enforce the provisions of the Guidelines by ART Clinics,
- To investigate complaints of breach of the Guidelines,
- To visit any ART Clinic/Centre accredited or not accredited, once a year with or without prior information to the clinic/centre, to determine if the ethical guidelines and operative procedures are being followed. If not, the Authority will point out lapses to the clinic/centre in writing. If these lapses continued for a maximum period of six months (during which period that clinic shall not engage in any activity related to the lapses), the State Appropriate Authority(ART) would recommend to the State Accreditation Authority that clinic/centre may be ordered to be closed;
- To impose a fine or a penalty on the clinic/centre for violation of any provisions of Guidelines as per delegation of powers by the State Accreditation Authority;
- To visit and regulate semen banks in the manner mentioned above.
- Any other function as directed by State Accreditation Authority (ART).

4. The functions of District Appropriate Authority (ART), inter-alia, include.

- To grant or suspend registration of an ART Clinic;
- To enforce the provisions of the Guidelines by ART Clinics,
- To investigate complaints of breach of the Guidelines,
- To visit any ART Clinic/Centre accredited or not accredited, every quarter of the year with or without prior information to the clinic/centre, to determine if the ethical guidelines and operative procedures are being followed. If not, the Authority will point out lapses to the clinic/centre in writing if these lapses continued for a maximum period of six months (during which period that clinic shall not engage in any activity related to the lapses), the District Appropriate Authority (ART) would recommend through the State Appropriate Authority (ART) to the State Accreditation Authority that clinic/centre may be ordered to be closed;
- To impose a fine or a penalty on the clinic/centre for violation of any provisions of Guidelines as per delegation of powers by the State Accreditation Authority;
- To visit and regulate semen banks in the manner mentioned above.
- Any other function as directed by State Accreditation Authority (ART) & State Appropriate Authority (ART).

5. In addition to above, the State Appropriate Authority and District Appropriate Authority under the PC & PNDT Act, serially cited in preamble at Sr.No.4, may continue to regulate ART clinics in the State.

By order and in the name of Governor of Gujarat

Sd/-

(Mona Khandhar)

Joint Secretary to the Government of Gujarat,
Health and Family Welfare Department.

To:-

- ✓ Personal Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Health.
- ✓ Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi.
- ✓ Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Gandhinagar.
- ✓ Commissioner, Health, Medical Services and Medical Education, Block No:5, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
- ✓ Additional Director (FW), Commissionerate of Health, Medical Services and Medical Education, Block No: 5/2, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar.

- ✓ Additional Director (Medical Services), Commissionerate of Health, Medical Services and Medical Education, Block No: 5/2, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
- ✓ Deputy Director (IEC) Commissionerate of Health, Medical Services and Medical Education, Old Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- ✓ Director, Information, Directorate of Information, Old Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar. (For wider publicity through Print & Electronic Media)
- ✓ All Members.
- ✓ All District Magistrates.
- ✓ All District Development Officer.
- ✓ Account General, Ahmedabad/ Rajkot
- ✓ Pay and Account Officer, Ahmedabad.
- ✓ All District Treasury Officers.
- ✓ Chief District Medical Officer cum Civil Surgeon, General Hospitals (All).
- ✓ Superintendent, Government Hospital (All).
- ✓ All Chief District Health Officers.
- ✓ All Additional District Health Officers.
- ✓ Website, Commissionerate of Health, Gandhinagar (with request to put the resolution on website (For wider publicity)
- ✓ Select file.
- ✓ Select file of Deputy Section Officer.