



Circular No. (01/2019)

From	Department of Healthcare Professions
To	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All Healthcare Practitioners in the State of Qatar (Governmental & Private sector)All Healthcare Facilities & focal points in the State of Qatar (Governmental & Private sector)
Subject	Refraining healthcare practitioners from advertising/promoting themselves, others, or any medical products, drugs, surgical or non-surgical interventions.
Date	1 August 2019

“The Department of Healthcare Professions presents to you its compliment”

The Department of Healthcare Professions calls upon all healthcare practitioners not to publish any advertisements or to promote themselves, others, or any medical products, drugs, surgical or non-surgical interventions, and to abide by the ethics of the profession, to maintain the reputation of healthcare practitioners in the State and to avoid suspicious practices that are not in favor of their professional ethics.

Healthcare practitioners must ensure that they are not exposed to any illegal or immoral issues, **in accordance with Law No. (2) for the year 1983 regarding practicing the profession of medicine, as Article (20) states:** “Physicians must adhere to the integrity and honesty in all of their actions by maintaining the dignity and honor of the profession and must not resort to illegal practices”.

In particular, it is prohibited for healthcare practitioners to commit any of the following acts:

- Self-promotion through any means of advertisement that does not conform to the dignity of the profession.
- Allowing the use of their names in the promotion of drugs or various treatments or indulge in commercial purposes by any means.

In conclusion, engagement in the aforementioned activities is not in line with the dignity of the medical profession as well as contradicting to the above-mentioned law.

**Thank you for your cooperation,
The Department of Healthcare Professions**