

# CIRCULAR NO (9) OF 2023 (DHP)

From:	Department of Healthcare Professions / Ministry of Public Health
To:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Physicians and Dentists in the state of Qatar (Governmental &amp; Private sector)</li><li>• All Healthcare Facilities/ focal points in the state of Qatar (Governmental &amp; Private sector)</li></ul>
Subject:	Sick leave issuance by “Assistant Specialty”, “GP (Supervised)” and “GD (Supervised)”
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## Greetings from the Department of Healthcare Professions,

In reference to circulars no. (07/2023), (22/2020) and (12/2021) regarding Assistant Specialty, GP (Supervised) and GD (Supervised) categories and in line with the Department of Healthcare Profession’s (DHP) regulatory and monitoring roles and efforts to ensure patient safety, **DHP would like to emphasize the following:**

- **For the “GP (Supervised)” and “GD (Supervised)” categories:**
  - They **are not permitted** to issue sick leaves to patients.
  - They **must** practice under direct on-site supervision by a full-time licensed physician/dentist based on the supervision framework and the supervisor selection criteria announced in circular no. (22/2020) and (12/2021).
- **For the “Assistant Specialty” category under the physicians’ profession:**
  - They **are permitted** to issue sick leaves to patients; however, the sick leave must be signed and stamped by the Assistant Specialist and the licensed supervisor.
  - The level of supervision will be indirect supervision based on the supervision framework announced in circular no. (07/2023).

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Thank you for your cooperation,  
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