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| From | Department of Healthcare Professions “DHP” / Ministry of Public Health |
| To | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Physicians specialized in Orthopedic Surgery in the state of Qatar (Governmental & Private sector)• All Healthcare Facilities/ focal points in the state of Qatar concerned with “Orthopedic Surgery” services (Governmental and Private sectors) |
| Subject | Guidelines regarding “Orthopedic Surgery” privileges |
| Date | 22 October 2023 |

Greetings from the “Department of Healthcare Professions”,

In line with the Department of Healthcare Professions’ regulatory and monitoring roles to ensure patient safety, the extensive literature reviews performed by the specialized committee in Orthopedic Surgery and in accordance with the Permanent Licensing Committee’s (PLC) decision during its meeting number (4) of the year 2023, convened on the date 25/09/2023, **it has been decided to:**

- Cancel all previous approvals issued to physicians specialized in Orthopedic Surgery, regarding the use of “Ozone Therapy” in intra-articular injections for knee pain related to osteoarthritis.
- Not grant approvals for any new requests for Ozone Therapy, as the treatment is not endorsed and requires further scientific proof based on the specialized committee’s opinion.

Additionally, all physicians specialized in “Orthopedic Surgery” must adhere to their scope of practice as per their medical license and surgical privileges granted to them.

Non-compliance with the above-mentioned decisions will result in taking legal actions against both healthcare facilities and practitioners.

For further information, contact: dhpreistration@moph.gov.qa

Thank you for your cooperation, Department of Healthcare Professions

C.C: Permanent Licensing Committee (PLC)