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To  
The Secretary  
Government of India  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Nirman Bhawan  
New Delhi -110003

**Subject: - Signing and clinical interpretation of Laboratory Reports- Reg.**

Madam,

This is to bring to your kind attention that the matter relating to Signing and clinical interpretation of Laboratory Reports was considered by the Board of Governors in super session of Medical Council of India in their meeting held on 06.01.2020 and it was decided as under: -

*"The Board of Governors are of the considered view that, persons possessing qualifications of M.Sc. in Medical Microbiology/Medical Biochemistry and Ph.D in relevant subjects such as Biochemistry, Microbiology, Biotechnology, and Genetics etc., form qualified human resources in these fields who are equipped with the knowledge of performing the laboratory tests in their respective branches. However, such persons not having qualifications in modern medicine, are as such are not equipped with knowledge of interpreting the laboratory reports for clinical diagnosis. Therefore, while such persons are not competent to offer a medical opinion, at the same time they are not prohibited from conducting relevant tests and reporting the result of tests conducted by them.*

The BoG considered the matter at length, and expressed the following view on the issue:

*"A technical report stating test results without recording any medical opinion thereon can be signed by a qualified person with an M.Sc.*

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*in Medical Biochemistry/Medical microbiology, or with Ph.D. degree in relevant subject such as Biochemistry, Microbiology, Biotechnology and Genetics etc.. Further all test reports generated by such persons must necessarily bear a disclaimer to the effect that the reports are strictly for the use of medical practitioners and are not medical diagnosis(s) as such.*

*Medical laboratory reports which contain medical diagnosis(s) and/or a medical opinion on the basis of the test results are to be signed by medically qualified professionals only having qualification duly registered as per IMC Act."*

Yours faithfully

Dr. R.K. Vats  
Secretary General

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