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To
Ms. Preeti Sudan
Secretary,
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Government of India

Dear Madam,

Sub: Shutting down non COVID hospitals in event of COVID positive cases.

During this pandemic, AHPI meets biweekly with all 17 state presidents to discuss issues on the ground, and how to work with the Central and State Governments to effectively respond to this unprecedented challenge to our Country.

It has been noticed that in few of the states, patients with respiratory symptoms and visiting non Covid hospitals, do at times turn out to be Covid positive case. In such instances there is no set protocol regarding disinfection and other precautions to be followed. In some of our states, if one Covid positive patient is identified in a non Covid hospital the entire hospital is shut down for 2 weeks. This is not scientifically based and causes enormous inconvenience to the patient community, besides losing the use of the facility for such a long time.

Requesting you to kindly get the protocol developed and communicate the same to all the State Health Secretaries. We will be happy to help if you deem it required.

Regards

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