

**Circular No. (15) 2020**

**To All Private Healthcare Facilities**

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup>-3-2020**

**Sub: Temporary Suspension of Elective, Non - Emergent Medical Services and Procedures in Dental, Dermatology, Aesthetic, Plastic Surgery and Alternative Medicine Services at all Private Healthcare Facilities**

Based on Resolution No. (29) for the year 2020 to close industrial and commercial stores in order to prevent the spread of the emerging Corona virus (COVID-19) issued by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism, and in particular Article (2) paragraph (4) which states that:

"It excludes from the application of the provision of the first article of this decision: - Private health facilities, except for some health services in which a circular to be issued by the National Health Regulatory (NHRA) , NHRA announces the temporary suspension of elective, non-emergent medical services and procedures in Dental, Dermatology, Plastic Surgery and Alternative Medicine services at all private healthcare facilities.

Please find below the conditions that should be adhered to in all private healthcare facilities

This circular comes into effect immediately on Thursday March 26, 2020 for the next two weeks with a possibility of an extension if the situation warrants it.



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## **Conditions that should be adhered to in all private healthcare facilities**

### **First: Dental Services:**

Suspension of all non-emergent, elective services with the exception of:

1. Pain due to pulp exposure or inflammation of pulp or periodontium or dry socket or ongoing root canal treatment.
2. Bleeding after extraction.
3. Swelling due to dental or periodontal abscess.
4. Dental trauma and maxillofacial injuries.
5. TMJ dislocation.

### **Second: Dermatology, Aesthetics, and Plastic Surgeries:**

Suspension of the following procedures unless emergently required:

1. Laser /phototherapy.
2. Aesthetic procedures (filler, scraping, Botox, cosmetic strings, hair transplant, mesotherapy, laser, and any other cosmetics services, and elective, non-emergent surgeries such as liposuction, lifting and tightening, etc.
3. Surgeries that are permitted include emergency surgeries such as burns, hand surgery, tissue loss surgery, ulcers, skin cancer excisions, flaps etc.

### **Third: Alternative Medicine Services:**

Suspension of all non-emergent, elective services such as:

1. Hijama/ Cupping.
2. Dry needling.
3. Chinese needling