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Dear Dr. Koh Kar Chai,

RE: CONSENT FORM FOR PATIENT

I refer to the above and I thank you for your letter dated 24th May 2017.

2. The Ethic Committee of the Malaysian Medical Council took note of your concern regarding the need for consent forms between patient and doctor with matters concerning Third Party Administrators (TPA).

3. The Guideline on Good Medical Practice gave emphasis on the important of maintaining patient confidentiality, the requirement of patient consent, the aspect of patient safety and the need to adhere to the Standard of Good Medical Care. As such and in relation to your query about consent;

- a. Treatment or management information or results of investigations carried out on employees (patients) or related report to employer or TPA or any other third-party agents is considered Confidential information and should not be divulged or sent without the employee's (patient) written consent.
- b. Results of investigations carried out on employees by Laboratory or Radiology or allied panel services are also considered Personal & Confidential and should ONLY be sent to the Medical Practitioner who is on the TPA panel who then will obtain consent from the employee (patient) for any further action.
- c. Any divulgence or disclosure of such results of investigation directly to third party (including employer and TPA) is considered a breach of confidentiality.
- d. For visits to doctor, consent form for each visit is not necessary unless investigations and invasive procedures are being performed and consent

needs to be obtained. At present, tests for HIV and other blood-borne diseases need to be consented to (with counselling) specifically by the employee (patient) and the results of such tests are considered Confidential between employee (patient) and doctor.

- e. MMC does not allow **universal consent or single consent from the patient** to cover ALL aspects of management of patient by a doctor. Consent must be obtained on a need-to basis as determined by the doctor, as stated above. In other words, a "single consent" for all procedures is not allowed.
- f. As always, the standard of health care management of the patient by a medical practitioner should follow Code of Professional Conduct and the various Guidelines of the MMC.

We trust the above is of assistance to you.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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