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Dr. Nalinda Jayatissa
Hon. Minister of Health & Mass Media
Ministry of Health
Colombo 10.

Dear Sir,

Re: Open comments on surgical / medical treatment decisions by non-technical people and it's implications.

AMS has recently noted several open adverse comments made in various forums by non-technical people, without any analysis by medical experts, on suitability of complex surgical/ medical procedures and their outcomes performed by medical specialists and subsequent highlighting of those in both mainstream and social media.

This has led to virulent attacks on medical specialists using social media with attempts to create significant doubts about our healthcare system in the minds of general public and raising anxiety in patients who are awaiting or undergoing such surgical / medical treatment. Further, these comments are aimed at tarnishing the image of medical specialists in general and our healthcare system in particular.

We, as Association of Medical specialists, are extremely disturbed by this unhealthy trend of non-technical people openly commenting on highly technical surgical/ medical decisions including their indications and outcomes and we urge the Ministry of Health to initiate a thorough investigation into these said incidents highlighted in the media and submit an expert technical report as soon as possible to safeguard the interests of medical specialists who are doing a yeoman service throughout country, at times with limited resources.

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It is of paramount importance that the government publishes the truth under these circumstances in order to relieve the doubts and anxiety of patients who are either awaiting or about to undergo complex but life saving medical and surgical procedures.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,



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