

INFORMED CONSENT FOR TELEMEDICINE SERVICES

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What is Telemedicine?

Telemedicine involves the use of ICT (Information and Communication Technology) to enable doctors at different locations to share individual patient medical information, for the purpose of improving patient care. A teleconsultation is based entirely on the information furnished i.e. text data, laboratory values and images.

Though Telemedicine is highly beneficial to patient, the possible limitations are,

1. Due to technical reasons there may be an interruption during the tele-consultation.
2. Due to network conditions, at times the quality of transmission may be suboptimal, resulting in postponement of the tele-consultation
3. The teleconsultant gives an opinion based on the physical examination and findings of the primary doctor (**RMP** - registered medical practitioner).
4. The teleconsultation may be videotaped, digitally recorded, filmed or photographed and used for training and audit purposes. The patient's identity **will not** be revealed.

Patient Consent to the Use of Telemedicine

1. I have read and understood the information provided regarding telemedicine (translated to a language which I understand). I hereby give my informed consent for the use of tele-consultation service for my medical care.
2. I solemnly affirm that I will provide information that is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief
3. I agree that Mary Queens Telemedicine Services, the tele-consultants, doctors at the remote centers and all personnel directly or indirectly involved, in any part of the Telemedicine set-up, will not be held responsible, in the unlikely event of an error in diagnosis or management, due to the occurrence of sub optimal technical conditions. While every attempt will be made to ensure ideal conditions, "unforeseen situations may occur".
4. I promise to follow the telemedicine prescription under the supervision of the primary doctor (RMP)
5. I agree to subject all disputes arising out of this consultation to subject matter of Kottayam, India Jurisdiction only.