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Conflict Of Interest – Declaration

Hazaribag College of Dental Sciences and Hospital (HCDSH)

Tobacco use has an adverse impact on health. It is proclaimed as a threat by the public health community worldwide and is the greatest cause of preventable deaths globally. Tobacco use in all forms negatively affects health, not only of its consumers and their families, but all those who are involved in its supply chain right from cultivation to people involved in its processing. It has a high addiction potential and millions of individuals are affected by it.

The tobacco industry historically employs a multitude of tactics to shape and influence tobacco control policies. The industry uses its lobbying and marketing machinery to discredit scientific research and influence governments to propagate the sale and distribution of its fatal product. Furthermore, the industry continues to inject large philanthropic contributions to research and social programs worldwide under the guise of corporate social responsibility.

In this regard, Hazaribag College of Dental Sciences and Hospital, strongly believes in promoting a healthy lifestyle for all by preventing tobacco use and addiction. Hazaribag College of Dental Sciences and Hospital recognizes a fundamental conflict of interest between the tobacco industry and public health. Achieving these goals in our lifetime would require us to stay away from tobacco, alcohol, and other substances in any form.

- *We, at Hazaribag College of Dental Sciences and Hospital, strive to oppose the use of tobacco and other intoxicant substances in all forms and expose the tobacco industry tactics.*
- *The institution does not partner with any entity directly or indirectly related to and /or engaged with the tobacco industry.*
- *We do not partner, invest in, or get invested by organizations with interests in the tobacco industry, or those who further the agenda of tobacco companies.*
- *We do not and shall not accept and/or endorse any direct or indirect support from the tobacco industry in cash or kind.*