Unified Letter to be submitted by ISHRS Members to their respective state medical board or ministry of health

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**DRAFT Sept. 20, 2021**

Health Ministry or Board of Medicine or Department of Health

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a licensed physician, board certified in XXX, practicing hair restoration surgery in xx city. I am a member of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery and a Diplomate of the American Board of Hair Restoration Surgery.

I am writing to express my concern over an alarming trend regarding the unlicensed practice of medicine that is occurring in our state/country. More and more frequently, I am hearing from patients who have been to practices where a doctor is not performing the surgery, but rather, is delegating it to a technician or an unlicensed medical assistant. My understanding is that surgery in our state should not be done by any individual unless it is part of their scope of practice. Consequently, it is unlawful to delegate surgery to a medical assistant even while under direct supervision.

Additionally, medical doctors that are not licensed in our state or country are flying in with teams of technicians and performing full surgeries.

Some medical device companies that sell surgical tools and drills to excise follicular units or full thickness skin grafts containing hair follicles are sold to doctors with the provision that they do not have to perform the surgery and that it can be delegated to technicians that will be provided for them.

Worldwide this trend is expanding with illicit and fraudulent clinics that unfortunately do not have the best interest of the patient at hand. I am attaching a unified consensus paper from the ISHRS and Global Council of Hair Restoration Surgery Societies which summarizes the position of hair restoration surgery and Follicular Unit Excision (FUE). I hope that you will consider this consensus paper carefully in an effort to ensure the integrity of medicine and surgery and to assure patient safety in our community.

Respectfully,

Dr XXX

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