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Misleading videos about Chest Physiotherapy for COVID on social media.

In the background of COVID pandemic various hospitals, non-qualified persons are circulating their promotional videos on Chest Physiotherapy in COVID patients. It is observed by this council **that the content of most of the videos are not as per the standard chest Physiotherapy practice & also as per guidelines issued by this council.** (For council guidelines visit <https://www.mahaotandptcouncil.in/Download/2043%20GUIDLINES%20CHEST%20PT%20COVID%20MS%20OT%20PT.pdf>) Further, in such promotional viral videos **non Physiotherapy professionals** are shown to administer chest Physiotherapy & asking public to do at home.

Maharashtra Act II of 2004, clause 2(i) defines Chest Physiotherapy as lifesaving treatment modality in ICU & as per section 31(2) only a registered Physiotherapist is entitled to administer the Physiotherapy techniques. Administration of Physiotherapy technique other than registered Physiotherapist is **cognizable & non bailable offence as per section 33 (1) of said act.** Legal action shall be taken on such persons / hospitals for misleading the public at large, promoting quackery, playing with life of COVID patients as per penalty section 32 council act. **Hereby all health care workers, hospital authorities are directed to not to mislead the public at large & to consult a registered Physiotherapist before publishing such videos on chest Physiotherapy.**

Public at the large here by informed to consult registered Physiotherapy Practitioners for Chest Physiotherapy. **Taking Chest Physiotherapy at home by observing such videos will harm COVID patient's health.** Take authentic Chest Physiotherapy treatment from Registered Physiotherapist & Inform this office about such viral videos.

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