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NOTIFICATION

No.F.5-11/2017-SO(Admn): In order to check the irrational, restrictive and exorbitant prices and huge unethical profiteering which makes the subject devices un-affordable and beyond the reach of the most and to maintain stable prices of the cardiac stents, the Federal Government in pursuance to Section 41 of DRAP Act, 2012 is pleased to direct the Policy Board and Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan to ensure the following:

- a) that the manufacturers/importers of Cardiac Stents shall print maximum retail price (MRP) on the label of cardiac stents and shall widely disseminate the MRP of their brands of Cardiac Stents and also publicize the same on their website and in the print media with updating on quarterly basis;
- b) that all the manufacturers/importers of cardiac stents shall display a price list on a conspicuous part of the premises of the healthcare establishments performing cardiac procedures and healthcare establishments shall facilitate displaying the same so that it is known to all concerned including doctors performing the procedure and the patients or their representatives who wish to consult for the same;
- c) that the healthcare establishments performing cardiac procedures using cardiac stents shall specifically and separately maintain the price of cardiac stents along with brand name(s) of its manufacturers and importers, batch number, serial number, expiry date and other details if any, in their billing to the patient or their representative;
- d) that the healthcare establishments performing cardiac procedures using cardiac stents shall ensure making video recording of the whole procedure, making copies and hand over one to the patient or his/ her representative, one copy to Society of Interventional Cardiologist while one for record of the Cath laboratory.
- e) that the society of Interventional Cardiologists Society shall prepare appropriate rules/ regulations to regulate Cath labs to achieve the objectives of safe use of stents, fair practices and patient safety.

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