Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the Academy of Pediatrics – Gujarat Chapter (AOPG)!

We are all aware of the rising threat of COVID-19, which was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on 11th March 2020. The increasing spread of corona virus outbreak has put all sections of society at risk, hence, the risks associated with Covid-19 infection among pregnant women and children need special attention.

The private sector constitutes almost 58% of the healthcare facilities; however, in the current context, due to lack of uniform guidelines, there has been a closure or reduction in the functioning of these facilities. This becomes an even grave concern in context to pediatric health services which need routine follow-ups.

Therefore, a rapid assessment study titled “Situational analysis of private paediatric and obstetric facilities in providing services during COVID-19 pandemic in Gujarat” with special focus in four cities (Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, Rajkot) contributing to majority of COVID 19 cases is being undertaken. This study has been initiated and supported by UNICEF in co-ordination and collaboration with Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP-AOPG).

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Academy of Pediatricians, Gujarat Chapter) and Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI – SOGOG, State Organization of Societies of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Gujarat) of Gujarat state and conducted by the Department of Community Medicine, GMERS Medical College, Sola, Ahmedabad, Government Medical College, Baroda, Surat and Rajkot.

The objectives of the study are to assess the current ongoing practices related to patient care during outpatient and/or inpatient services, assess the apprehension and concerns related to providing health services and to document the good practices in private establishments of Pediatricians and Obstetricians in Gujarat especially cities of Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat and Rajkot during the COVID 19 pandemic.

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We hereby seek your wholehearted support in helping us understand the current practices in your facilities by filling up the form through the [google link given below](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSce6A5nEx7EQUKf0mEXyeMPLdEM0u.--dB9QvkDXDd_rmOrAw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1), which shall help in informing policy and practice to run private establishments in this period of lockdown and then period after the lockdown is over.

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