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**Clarification regarding WhatsApp hoax message
linking Local Anesthesia and Vaccination**

Circulation of misinformation in social media, associating death from local anesthesia delivery during dental procedures on vaccinated individual specifically COVID vaccine, is unfortunate, baseless and a hoax.

As of now there are no scientific evidences, publications correlating adverse reaction through general or local anesthesia. Dental Professionals take medical and dental history to provide optimal oral healthcare to patients. While, vaccination is essential to our population against our fight to counter COVID-19, Local Anesthesia is equally important in Dental and Medical treatments when prescribed.

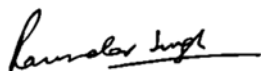
Needless to say, the Indian Dental Association has taken necessary care and issued advisories for dental professionals to do essential changes to curtail spread of COVID-19.

The Indian Dental Association, urge people to stop forwarding such messages. Baseless claims in absences of scientific evidences are damaging efforts by all governments, viz., Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, and all State Governments.

Also, after having to treat thousands of vaccinated patients under local anesthesia, we can confidently discern such rumours and strongly advise to refrain from circulation such messages.

Support vaccination programme. Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and Stay away from hoax messages / rumours.

With warm regards
For Indian Dental Association



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