## Link for TELE MEDICINE:

It is advisable for all the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons irrespective of their working conditions be it in a hospital setting or private practice to limit the number of patients visit as far as possible.

Tele Medicine accepted by WHO and recommended by NITI AYOG (Apendix 5 of Indian Medical Council, Professional conduct, Etiquette and Ethics Regulation, 2002) should be used to reduce the footfalls.

All the Registered Medical/ Dental Practitioner may use any mode of communications

- 1. Video (Apps, Video on chat platforms, Skype etc)
- 2. Audio (Phones, VOIP. Apps etc)
- 3. Text Based (general messaging, whatsapp, Google Hang outs, Emails Etc)

To communicate with the patient, prescribe medicines, impart health education, educate the nearby health care workers for emergency and first aid, for follow up and counselling. If the patient is calling the HCW implied consent is there which is absent if the call is from HCW. It is advisable to take Consent from the patient

Strict confidentiality is to be maintained and professional judgement to be explicitly used where the patient needs "In person Consultation".