

Chapter 9

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Chairman: Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India.

Co-chairman: Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi.

Executive Secretary: An officer below the rank of Joint Secretary in Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India.

Members:

- ◆ Representative of the Indian Council of Medical Research.
- ◆ Representative of the National Academy of Medical Sciences.
- ◆ Representative from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India.
- ◆ Representative of a scientific society that deals with ART. Care must be taken to ensure that such a representative should be from a society that has democratically elected office bearers and is governed by reasonable rules and regulations. The representative must have a proven track record of having contributed significantly to ART. The nature of the person's association with commercial companies must be made known publicly.
- ◆ A social scientist of repute.
- ◆ The Chairman of the National Bioethics Committee.
- ◆ A gynaecological endocrinologist.
- ◆ A gynaecological sonographer.
- ◆ An operative gynaecologist.
- ◆ A mammalian reproductive biologist.
- ◆ An andrologist.
- ◆ A representative of NGOs.

- ◆ A counsellor.
- ◆ A representative of patients.
- ◆ A medico-legal expert.
- ◆ A representative of FOGSI.
- ◆ A representative of ISSRF.

Notes: 1. A meeting of the National Advisory Committee may be chaired either by the Chairman or Co-chairman.

2. The Advisory Committee should meet at least once in six months.