

# KEY DIRECTIONS OF PC PNDT ACT 1994

- 1 Sex Selection is prohibited.
- 2 Sale of ultrasound machine etc to person, laboratories, clinic, etc, not registered under the Act is prohibited.
- 3 A written consent of pregnant women to be obtained in Form F before undergoing Pre-Natal Diagnostic Procedure. A copy of her written consent is to be given to pregnant women.
4. Certificate of Registration shall be displayed by the registered Genetic Centre/Genetic Counseling Centre/Genetic Lab in a conspicuous place at its place of business.
- 5 Advertisement relating to Pre Conception & Pre Natal Determination of sex is prohibited.
6. Stand Alone mobile ultrasound clinic offering only pre-natal diagnostic facilities are prohibited.
7. The use of portable ultrasound machine is permitted only in following conditions.
  - The portable machine being used within the premises it is registered for providing services to the indoor patients.
  - As part of mobile medical unit offering a bouquet of other health and medical services ( **Rule 3 (B)**)
9. PNDT Registration Certificate shall be non-transferable. In event of change of ownership or change of management or on ceasing to function both copies of certificate of registration shall be surrendered to Appropriate Authority.

The new owner/manager shall apply a fresh for grant of certificate of registration.
10. Every certificate of registration shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of its issue.
11. An application for renewal of certificate of registration shall be made in duplicate in form A, 30 days before the date of expiry of certificate of registration.
12. The fee payable for renewal of certificate of registration shall be one-half of the fees charged at time of fresh registration.
13. The fee payable in favor of District Appropriate Authority, West District for PNDT Registration Certificate is non refundable.
14. On receipt of renewed Certificate of Registration in duplicate or on receipt of communication of rejection of application for renewal, both copies of earlier Certificate of Registration be immediately surrendered to the Appropriate Authority.
15. All case related records, forms of consent, laboratory results, microscopic pictures , sonographic plates or slides, recommendations and letters shall be preserved by the Registered Centre for a period of two years from the date of completion of counseling, pre

natal diagnostic procedure or pre natal diagnostic test, as the case may be. In the event of any legal proceeding, the records shall be preserved till the final disposal of legal proceedings, or till the expiry of the said period of two years, whichever is later.

16. Every Registered Centre shall sent a complete report in respect of all pre-conception or pregnancy related procedures/techniques/test conducted by them in respect of each month of 5<sup>th</sup> day of the following month to the concerned Appropriate Authority.
17. Any person conducting ultrasonography/ image scanning on a pregnant woman shall give a declaration on each report that he/she has neither detected nor disclosed the sex of foetus of pregnant woman to any body.
18. Every Genetic Clinic, Genetic Counseling Centre, Genetic Lab, Ultrasound Clinic, and Imaging Centre shall intimate every change of employee, place, address and equipment installed, to the Appropriate Authority within a period of thirty days of such change.
19. Every Registered Centre shall prominently display on its premises a notice in English and in the local language or languages for the information of the public, to the effect that **“Disclosure of the Sex of the Foetus is prohibited under Law”**.
20. One copy of the Act and Rules shall be available on the premises of every centre and shall be made available to the client on demand for perusal.
21. The pregnant women shall before undergoing ultrasonography / image scanning declare that she dose not want to know the sex of her foetus.
22. **Self referral cases- ultrasound is done without any doctor’s reference** – according to the decision taken in the minutes of meeting F9//2/PNDT/DFW/2005/1135011372 dated 17.12.2009 the interpretation of self referral was discussed and it was informed that self referral is used when the treating himself or herself is doing the ultrasound. It should not be interpreted as the patient directly asking for the ultrasound for self.
23. Every centre shall maintain a register showing in serial order
  - Name and Address of the Patient
  - Name of spouse or father/ Husband
  - Date on which they first reported for such counseling/procedure/test.

In addition to above, the following centres are required to do record management as per different forms as mentioned below:

Genetic Counseling Centre	-	Form D
Genetic Laboratory	-	Form E
Genetic Clinic (including Mobile genetic Clinic )	-	Form F