



**World Aesthetic Medicine and Surgery Certification and Care  
Alliance (WAMSCCA)  
Non-Regulatory & Non-Substitutive Role Policy**

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# **World Aesthetic Medicine and Surgery Certification and Care Alliance (WAMSCCA)**

## **Non-Regulatory & Non-Substitutive Role Policy**

### **1. Purpose**

The World Aesthetic Medicine and Surgery Certification and Care Alliance (WAMSCCA) establishes this policy to clarify its role as a non-regulatory and non-substitutive entity in the global medical community. WAMSCCA's activities, including educational programs, certification, accreditation, and humanitarian initiatives, are designed solely for professional development, knowledge enhancement, and alignment with humanitarian goals in aesthetic medicine and surgery. This policy ensures that WAMSCCA does not function as a licensing, regulatory, or statutory body, and it mandates that all physicians and surgeons comply with the national medical laws and licensing requirements of their respective countries of practice. This approach aligns with the standards of medical councils and equivalent regulatory agencies across jurisdictions, including the United Kingdom, India, the United States, Singapore, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, the European Union, the Philippines, South Africa, Australia, Malaysia, Thailand, and other regions.

### **2. Policy Statement**

WAMSCCA affirms its commitment to supporting the professional growth of physicians and surgeons in aesthetic medicine and surgery while respecting the sovereignty of national and regional medical regulatory frameworks. WAMSCCA does not confer legal licensure, regulatory authority, or statutory recognition to practice medicine. Instead, it provides voluntary, supplementary certifications and educational resources to enhance practitioner skills and promote ethical, humanitarian care. Physicians and surgeons are responsible for ensuring compliance with the licensing and regulatory requirements set forth by their local medical councils or equivalent bodies. This policy upholds the principles of professional accountability and patient safety as outlined by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Declaration of Geneva.

### **3. Scope**

This policy applies to all WAMSCCA programs, certifications, accreditations, and activities worldwide, including educational workshops, certification courses, humanitarian missions, and professional development initiatives in aesthetic medicine and surgery. It extends to all WAMSCCA-affiliated physicians, surgeons, educators, volunteers, and partner organizations, ensuring that WAMSCCA's role remains supplementary and non-substitutive to national medical regulatory systems.

## 4. WAMSCCA's Role and Limitations

WAMSCCA operates strictly as a non-regulatory and non-substitutive entity with the following roles and limitations:

- **Educational Support:** WAMSCCA provides training, workshops, and resources to enhance knowledge and skills in aesthetic medicine and surgery, supplementing formal medical education.
- **Certification for Professional Development:** WAMSCCA offers voluntary certifications to recognize expertise and commitment to ethical practice, but these certifications do not substitute for legal licensure or regulatory approval to practice medicine.
- **Humanitarian Alignment:** WAMSCCA facilitates humanitarian initiatives to provide care in underserved regions, but all interventions must comply with local medical regulations and licensing requirements.
- **Non-Regulatory Status:** WAMSCCA does not have the authority to grant licenses, oversee medical practice, or enforce regulatory compliance, roles reserved for national medical councils and equivalent bodies.
- **Non-Substitutive Nature:** WAMSCCA certifications and accreditations do not replace the need for physicians and surgeons to obtain formal licensure or registration from their local medical regulatory authorities.

## 5. Compliance with National Medical Regulations

WAMSCCA mandates that all physicians and surgeons affiliated with its programs comply with the medical laws, licensing requirements, and regulatory standards of their country or region of practice. This includes adherence to the following principles, which are consistent with the expectations of medical councils in jurisdictions such as the United Kingdom, India, the United States, Singapore, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, the European Union, the Philippines, South Africa, Australia, Malaysia, and Thailand:

- Physicians and surgeons must hold a valid, active license or registration from the appropriate national or regional medical regulatory authority, ensuring they are legally permitted to practice in their jurisdiction.
- Physicians and surgeons must comply with local codes of ethics and professional conduct, including maintaining patient safety, obtaining informed consent, and adhering to standards of care.
- Physicians and surgeons must fulfill continuing education requirements as mandated by their local regulatory bodies to maintain licensure and stay updated on best practices.
- Physicians and surgeons must operate within their defined scope of practice, as determined by their training, licensure, and local regulations, particularly in specialized fields like aesthetic medicine and surgery.

- Physicians and surgeons must ensure that any aesthetic or reconstructive procedures meet the safety and quality standards set by their local regulatory authorities.

Additionally, dentists and registered nurses involved in WAMSCCA activities must obey the law of the land and follow directions issued by their local medical, dental, or nursing councils, ensuring they only practice or participate in training within their legal scope and under appropriate supervision if required.

## **6. Practitioner Responsibilities**

WAMSCCA-affiliated physicians and surgeons must fulfill the following responsibilities to ensure compliance with this policy:

- Verify and maintain active licensure with the appropriate national or regional medical regulatory authority before participating in WAMSCCA activities.
- Disclose their WAMSCCA certification status accurately, ensuring patients and partners understand that it does not replace legal licensure.
- Adhere to local laws governing the practice of aesthetic medicine and surgery, including scope of practice, patient consent, and safety protocols.
- Participate in WAMSCCA programs with the understanding that such activities are supplementary and do not exempt them from local regulatory oversight.
- Report any changes in licensure status to WAMSCCA immediately to ensure transparency and accountability.

## **7. Transparency in Communications**

WAMSCCA commits to clear and transparent communication regarding its non-regulatory role:

- All WAMSCCA certifications, accreditations, and program materials will include a disclaimer stating: “WAMSCCA certifications are for professional development and humanitarian alignment only and do not constitute legal licensure or regulatory approval to practice medicine. Physicians and surgeons must comply with the licensing requirements of their country of practice. Dentists and registered nurses must obey the law of the land and follow directions issued by their local medical, dental, or nursing councils.”
- WAMSCCA’s promotional materials and certification documents will emphasize that its programs are supplementary and do not substitute for formal licensure or regulatory approval.
- Educational programs will include modules on understanding the importance of compliance with national medical regulations.

## 8. Monitoring and Compliance

WAMSCCA implements the following mechanisms to ensure adherence to this policy:

- **Credential Verification:** WAMSCCA verifies the licensure status of all physicians and surgeons upon enrollment in its programs, requiring self-declaration and supporting documentation.
- **Annual Declarations:** Physicians and surgeons must submit annual declarations confirming their active licensure and compliance with local regulations.
- **Audit and Review:** WAMSCCA conducts periodic audits of its programs to ensure that activities remain non-regulatory and non-substitutive in nature.
- **Complaint Mechanism:** WAMSCCA establishes a grievance process for stakeholders to report concerns about potential regulatory overreach, with investigations handled by an independent ethics committee.

## 9. Violations and Disciplinary Actions

Violations of this policy, such as misrepresenting WAMSCCA certification as a substitute for legal licensure, will result in the following actions:

- Immediate suspension of the practitioner's WAMSCCA certification and participation in programs.
- Investigation by WAMSCCA's Ethics Committee, with findings documented and addressed appropriately.
- Potential revocation of WAMSCCA certification and permanent expulsion from WAMSCCA programs for severe or repeated violations.
- Notification to relevant regulatory authorities if the violation impacts patient safety or public trust.

## 10. Policy Review and Adaptation

This policy will be reviewed biennially (every 24 months) or as needed to reflect:

- Changes in national or international medical regulations affecting aesthetic medicine and surgery.
- Feedback from practitioners, regulatory bodies, and stakeholders to improve clarity and effectiveness.
- Emerging global health trends and best practices in medical education and certification.

Revisions will be proposed by WAMSCCA's Policy Committee and ratified by the

Board of Directors, with consultations from international medical regulatory experts to ensure alignment.

## **11. Approval and Implementation**

- **Approved by:** WAMSCCA Board of Directors
- **Effective Date:** May 15, 2025
- **Next Review Date:** May 15, 2027