



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 7 s.1998

**SUBJECT: CONDUCT OF LIPOSUCTION WITHIN LICENSED HOSPITALS OR
AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS ACCREDITED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH**

Liposuction is an invasive surgical procedure for the reduction of fat tissues in the body. This procedure involves pre-operative preparation and post operative care.

There has been a reported case of a patient who died while liposuction was being performed in an out-patient clinic.

To ensure safety of the patient it is hereby ordered that liposuction shall be performed only within a hospital or in an ambulatory surgical center licensed or accredited by the Department of Health. In addition, such hospital or surgical center shall ensure that the necessary pre-operative procedures, including but not limited to cardiopulmonary clearance, shall be performed as part of the liposuction.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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