



PETITION to AHPRA

My name is Danielle Edwards, I am a Cosmetic Nurse Injector who has trained to cosmetically treat patients for anti-wrinkle and dermal fillers and have worked for five years to help maintain my patient's youthfulness and to help them feel good about themselves. I am a Division 1 Registered Nurse with an extensive background in other areas of nursing and have chosen to focus on cosmetic Medicine as my specialty. I have trained and am working in this industry with the cosmetic group called anti-aging who provides regular training and medical support with my patients having a dual and thorough consultation with doctors or nurse practitioners and myself. Our consultation process is extremely thorough whereby patient education and safety are paramount, their current and past medical history is taken and alternative treatments are explained in detail.

Currently, there is a motion in process to try and change the way cosmetic injectables are administered, focusing on the consultation phase. The AHPRA (Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency) want to make the doctors and nurse practitioners consultation face to face which will make the current live video consultation unacceptable.

What will this mean for the patient? It will change where you can be seen and by whom for your cosmetic injectable procedures. What we are hoping to achieve by this petition is sway the thoughts of AHPRA to see that the dual consultation process we currently employ is good medical practice and that the needs of our patients are well and truly met and exceeded.

Despite the extensive focus on patient education and safety, this change would prevent me from continuing my current practice as it is and my patients and select clinics will also suffer. I ask you to support me continuing to provide this service to the people of Balwyn by signing this petition.

Thank you for your support,

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Dear AHPRA Board,

RE: LASER THERAPEUTICS BALWYN

I have been a client of Danielle Edwards for several years and have experienced nothing but the utmost professionalism and care from Danielle and her clinic.

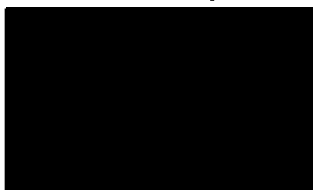
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I sincerely hope the board take my comments into consideration before making a knee jerk response to an industry that seems to be working well. I would rather see, less trained injectors be removed from the industry instead of hampering those who do the right thing by their patients and the law.

Yours sincerely,





9th May 2015

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have been receiving treatment by Danielle at Laser Therapeutics for approximately 4 years and have recently been advised that there is pressure to stop Danielle from administering botox and other cosmetic applications and procedures.

I would be extremely disappointed if this happened, as I have gone to doctors who are supposed to be more knowledgeable, but I have found that they have caused me so much pain in the application and bruising. Also, most doctors put pressure to make a decision on the day as to what application they believe should be done.

On the contrary, Danielle is very gentle and explains what she would propose and then we discuss plan the process. I have never felt pressured and whatever we decide, Danielle gives me an overall explanation of how long, how much and what to expect. Danielle is always happy to give her personal phone number and is therefore contactable 24 hours a day should we wish to discuss anything about the procedure completed or about to commence.

In conclusion, I am not happy that my choice to go to who I please, may be taken away. I believe that Danielle is the best administer of cosmetic procedures I have attended and I do not want anyone to take the right away for me to choose who I please.

Kind regards,



26 May, 2015



To the AHPRA Board,

RE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO COSMETIC INJECTABLE PROCESS

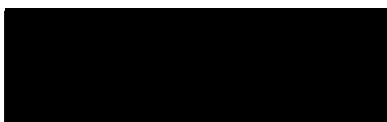
I am writing to express my concern at the changes you propose that may make it difficult or impossible to continue to seek cosmetic injectable treatments from my nurse injector.

I am quite impressed with the skype consultations that I receive from my nurse and the supervising Doctor.

I feel safe and well looked after and I love that we are able to have a three way conference about what is best for me.

I strongly object to the proposed changes. I wish to remain anonymous and do not want my name published anywhere.

Kind regards,



20 May, 2015



Dear AHPRA Board Members,

RE: PROPOSED COSMETIC INJECTABLE GUIDELINES

I feel compelled to write to you to express my concern at your proposed changes to the cosmetic injectable guidelines.

Of most concern to me is that you are considering removing my right to choose the appropriate person to administer my cosmetic injectables.

I, like most people have conducted research and listened to the advice of people who have had cosmetic injectables and seen the results of work done by many injectors. Along with discussing my issues and concerns with my nurse injector, this helps me to make an informed choice as to who I trust to inject my face.

I choose NOT to use a doctor to provide this service for many reasons, one major one being the fact that my nurse injector attends many hours training to keep up to date with new, improved and current products and trends from around the world. She provides the time to complete a full facial assessment of my needs and discusses them at length with me to ensure I understand what we are endeavouring to achieve. She backs this up with a skype interview with a doctor to reduce the risks to my health and bounce our ideas off another impartial person.

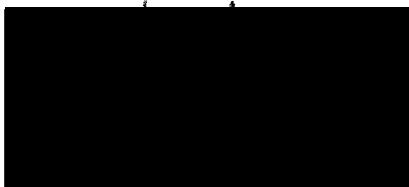
I fail to understand why you have allowed nurse injectors to study, gain qualifications and keep abreast of changes and advancements in this field and now seem happy to change the rules which could potentially put many of them out of work and reduce my ability to choose a nurse over a doctor.

It seems to me that many doctors are using the expertise & knowledge of the cosmetic nurse injectors as a learning tool to improve their own skills because they do not have the time to attend the training and keep up to date.

I do not feel comfortable having the conversations I have with my nurse injector with a doctor as I feel I can discuss anything with my nurse injector and she always cares and listens, which is another reason I object to your proposed changes.

I strongly object to having this right taken away from me and hope you seriously consider the consequences of some of these changes.

Kind regards,



[REDACTED]

13th May 2014

Re: Laser Therapeutics

I have been treated by Danielle of Laser Therapeutics for the past six years for medicinal purposes and also cosmetic purposes. Danielle has administered Botox injections to help me with my headaches and it has been very effective.

I would be most upset if Danielle was to lose her licence to administer Botox and filler injections. Our rights as consumers and customers should not be taken from us and therefore I oppose any changes made to any legislation to change the injecting of Botox rules.

Should you wish to discuss my views further please call me on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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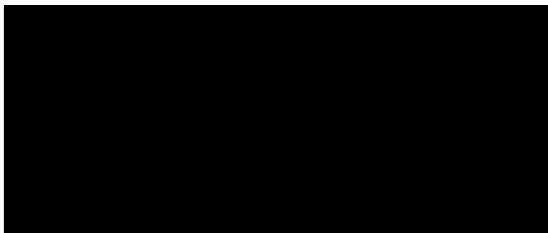
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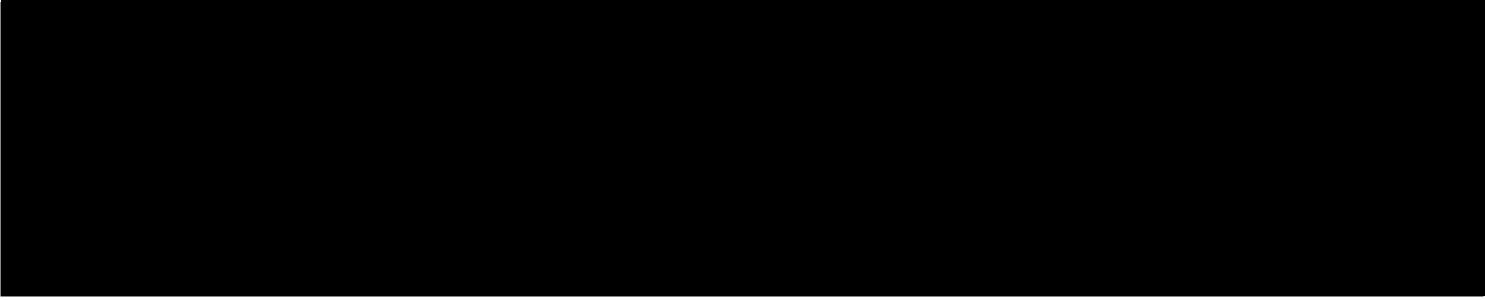
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18 May 2015

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I strongly oppose the ceasing of cosmetic procedures being administered by Danielle at Laser Therapeutics. I have been a client of Danielle's for more than 5 years. I am a legal practitioner and my profession calls for many court room attendances, therefore appearance is extremely important. To date, Danielle has never bruised me and I never feel as though my face looks as though I have had work done. Danielle gives me the natural appearance I ask for. When I compare Danielle with the doctors I have had previously administer cosmetic procedures, Danielle's work is impeccable and flawless.

Danielle will always spend time explaining and contemplating the procedures which I seek. Danielle will either, convince me that it isn't for me and then make suggestions as to what will work for my face and my body. Danielle's work is well advised and she works with utmost professionalism. I do not want to go to anyone else. I have tried other nurses and doctors and Danielle makes them look completely unprofessional. Danielle is so careful and particular with her work, she explains all procedures.

Furthermore, I appreciate that I can contact her at any time should something not feel right after a procedure. But, I have never had to call her for any concerns.

I urge you not to take away my freedom of choice to choose who I want to use for my cosmetic procedures. I will be going to Danielle for as long as I feel necessary. I want treatment to help me look and feel young and healthy and Danielle assists my desires.

Yours Sincerely,



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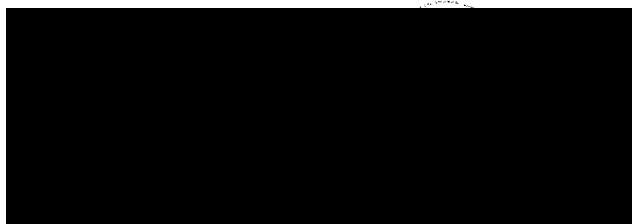
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29 May 2015

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Via Email

Dear AHPRA Representatives,

Re: Proposed Cosmetic Surgery Guidelines

I write in response to AHPRA's recent proposal to implement changes to cosmetic surgery guidelines. The proposal raises two concerns regarding the conduct of cosmetic surgery provided by registered nurses in a beauty clinic.

The first concern is that cosmetic surgery requires a face to face consultation with a doctor. In my view, a face to face consultation over a real time video fulfils the same purpose and has the same effect as having a face to face consultation in person. In this day and age of technology, to insist that a face to face consultation over real time video is not sufficient, represents a backward step in what otherwise is a society which has implemented the use of technology in all industries and professions. It is difficult to understand your concern, given that people are allowed to appear by video in Courts, corporations are allowed to hold meetings by video-conference, people are obtaining University degrees through online delivery of lectures and the list goes on. Unless you have solid evidence that not merely suggests, but confirms, that a face to face consultation over real time video does not serve the same purpose or have the same effect as a face to face consultation in person, I would strongly reconsider your position on this before you put thousands of specifically trained, appropriately qualified, highly experienced and customer focused nurses out of business.

The second concern is about the location of a consultation. Well, this proposition, with all respect, makes me laugh. I have been to many doctor clinics and I have been to many beauty clinics and the beauty clinics are extremely clean and more organised and tidy than any doctor's office I have ever been to. The beauty clinic I am a customer of, Laser Therapeutics, is a perfect example of an exceptionally well run business, the rooms are crisp clean, organised and well lit, yet are still warm and inviting and do not have the sterile feel of a doctors surgery. Walking into this clinic, I am confident that the nurse is specifically experienced in delivery of cosmetic procedures (not just dabbles in it like some doctors), it respects the privacy of clients (I am not subjected to waiting in a waiting room full of clients and people who are unwell) and the nurse which conducts the injecting is patient, willing to explain everything in detail and takes her time because she doesn't have a waiting room full of people where clients are treated like numbers and being churned out every 5 minutes.

Having considered the concerns above, I cannot understand how these concerns have any bearing on the performance of the injector. Where I am injected, or whether I am consulted by a doctor in person or face to face over real time video makes absolutely no difference to the ability of the person who is injecting me. What causes risk is poor training and a lack of experience. There are many exceptionally well trained and very experienced nurses, such as Danielle Edwards from Laser Therapeutics, who would represent a huge loss to this industry if these proposals were to be implemented. What the focus of AHPRA should be is implementing a training program which requires all people (nurses and doctors) to undertake in order to be allowed to provide cosmetic surgery and that way you are able to weed out the providers who are providing poor quality services, irrespective of whether they are a doctor or a nurse.

Furthermore, having a doctor in a clinic to provide a face to face consultation does not guarantee better performance by his injecting nurse, it does not guarantee a better result and it has no bearing on the quality of the services provided. All it guarantees is more money in the pockets of doctors and putting qualified, trained and experienced nurses out of business. Australia is a country of opportunity, and this to me represents nothing more but anti-competitive behaviour and an attempt by doctors to dominate the cosmetic surgery industry.

From personal experience, before I became a customer of Laser Therapeutics, I attended a doctor run clinic that was dark, unpleasant and the quality of the work was below standard. It was my first experience and I was not consulted by the doctor at all even though he was at the clinic. I was not provided with adequate information and the result left me with balls of product in my lips and product coming out of my skin, not to mention I had a breakout of cold sores.

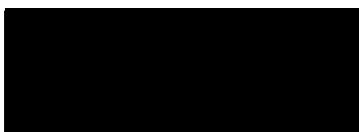
There is no way to monitor if the doctor that is supposed to provide a face to face consultation, will actually provide one given how busy and rushed doctors are, as was my experience.


Since becoming a customer of Laser Therapeutics, the work has been specifically tailored to my needs and the results have been natural and with no negative post effects, not to mention that face to face consultations over real time video with a doctor were professionally conducted.

This demonstrates that having a doctor present in the clinic to provide a face to face consultation does not guarantee a proper standard of work, it is not safer, it is not more hygienic, it is not more pleasant, and it has absolutely no bearing on the performance of the injector.

These unfounded proposals need to be taken off the table and education and training needs to be the focus.

Yours faithfully,





15th May 20156

Re: Laser Therapeutics

I am most distressed to hear that Danielle may not be able to treat me in my home town and that I would have to travel to Melbourne to have my botox and fillers injected.

I have only been a client/patient of Danielle's for the last 12 months but I would not like to have to go to someone else. She is extremely knowledgeable about these procedures and explains the process really well so I can understand what is going to happen. I have always been afraid of needles but Danielle puts me at ease and I have every confidence in her ability.

I would be most upset if I could no longer see Danielle as my injector and I do not wish to try to find another person to inject me.

Danielle was highly recommended, this is the only reason I trusted her to do my injecting.

Please do not make these changes to the legislation I do not believe it is warranted.

If you would like to speak to me personally PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE AS I FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

Yours Sincerely

