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Dear Madam / Sir

RE: Good Medical Practice: A Code of Conduct for Doctors in Australia

Thank you for asking the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (the College) to comment on the above consultation paper.

The Code of Conduct seems generally appropriate but implies that doctors are independent operators, unconstrained by conditions imposed on them by employers or other agents. What are a doctor's ethical responsibilities when he/she has doubts about some of his/her employer's practices?

The College notes that 3.15 ("*Closing or relocating your practice*") refers to retaining "*patient records*" but there is no mention of retention or disposal of other material such as slides and blocks.

Yours sincerely



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