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Dr Joanna Flynn AM Chair Medical Board of Australia

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Dear Joanna

Draft revised guidelines Sexual Boundaries in the doctor-patient relationship

The Australasian College of Dermatologists has reviewed the draft-revised guidelines and wishes to provide the following feedback:

1. Within the body of section 3 it states: 'not making unnecessary comments about a patient's body or clothing'. This is not listed as a separate item in the spectrum of behaviours in section 3.1. Subtle and casual comments regarding appearance, body, clothing, etc, which are not explicitly sexual, could also be considered a breach and therefore should be clearly listed as such.

The college has no other comments or feedback regarding the revised guidelines.

If you require further clarification please contact Jennifer Chowdhury at the college offices via email: r telephone:

Kind regards

Tim Wills Chief Executive Officer