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Dear AHPRA,

Thank you for being open to public submissions. In medical practice respect is always vital, but respect for a patient should not be exactly the same as respecting 'cultural beliefs and practices' which may at times be completely contrary to good medical practice. What would happen if a patient and their family insisted that it was their culture to give those with dementia a certain herbal concoction or to give their female babies "circumcision" or to provide home births at all times for their pregnant women? A doctor practicing good medicine would have to advise that they could not respect such cultural beliefs because they were not good medical practice.

Why can't we keep the 2009 Code?

Yours sincerely,

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