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To members of the Medical Board,

As a general practitioner I am concerned that the proposed Code of Conduct so all doctors will be culturally "safe" may possibly conflict with carefully thought through professional judgement. I am respectful to all patients . I take time to discuss issues prior to any treatment which at times may include making an appropriate referral . If a patient's cultural beliefs conflict with the best medical care available, a respectful discussion is needed . Someone with body dysmorphic disorder may need mental health assistance for good medical practice rather than plastic surgery. While termination of pregnancy is legal in Australia , discussion of potential issues is important rather than an immediate referral.

If the new proposed Code of Conduct precludes discussion of sensitive topics such as sexual practices, alcohol use and other lifestyle practices, - or risk not being "culturally safe" - political correctness will cost lives.

Please keep the 2009 code unchanged.

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