

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 September 2013 1:09 PM  
**To:** medboardconsultation  
**Subject:** Consultation- Good Medical Practice

Dear AHPRA,

You have asked for feedback from the public about your draft.

As a member of the public that has had a doctor flirt with me I have a suggestion.

It relates to 8.2 Professional Boundaries...

I think you have placed too much influence on the doctor having the right to retain the professional relationship even after a flirtation has happened. This is what happened in my situation. The doctor denied the existence of the relationship to the government hospital and his colleagues. So the professional relationship was retained even though the doctor had been flirting with me. [REDACTED]  
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As soon as a patient complains that a doctor has been flirting the professional relationship needs to be terminated automatically.

It should only resume if...

(1) If the patient says that they want the professional relationship to continue.

(2) The doctor should then submit reasons to the hospital / medical board why it is in the best interests of the patient for a professional relationship to continue.

Your Faithfully

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 September 2013 10:33 PM  
**To:** medboardconsultation  
**Subject:** Fw: Sexual Boundaries Guidelines

Dear AHPRA,

I have sent to you a copy of a suggestion that I have made about mandatory reporting by third parties.

I believe that the practice of mandatory third party reporting about a relationships between the doctor and the patient needs to stop in Australia. This is to protect the patient and the affect that a complaint may have upon their lives. It is not to protect the doctor.

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**From:** natboards  
**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 September 2013 12:32 AM  
**To:** medboardconsultation  
**Subject:** Sexual Boundaries Guidelines

Dear AHPRA,

You have asked for public feedback on the guidelines.

I have two suggestions.

The first one is in 7 Effective Communication... I reads as though, that when the matter was investigated, that the doctor's behaviour was appropriate. Some doctors do flirt with people they should not be flirting with. The language should reflect this.

The second area is in 11- Patients- What to do if the boundaries are crossed. You suggest talking to another health care professional. However you don't give any "warning"/ information that a health professional can become subject to mandatory reporting demands. There may be people who would be lead to believe that they were speaking in confidence only to be very shocked to find the matter reported against their wishes.

The reporting of a sexual relationship with a doctor needs to be a first party complaint. Not to protect the doctor. To protect the person the doctor has, or is having the relationship with. It is to protect the person from the effects that a complaint against the doctor will have upon their own private life, physical or mental health. The priority needs on be on the ethics of what is to become of the person that the doctor has been flirting with if a complaint were to be made. A complaint should not be accepted without looking at how it will affect the person that the doctor has been flirting with.

I would like to see Australia stop third party mandatory notifications involving relationships. The complaint needs to be first party only. To protect the person that the doctor is having a relationship with.

I have sent this email to you as someone who had a doctor flirt with me. Nobody protected me from third party mandatory notifications. It was not the doctor flirting with me that caused my nightmare. It was the mandatory notification where 100% of my troubles, distress, prolems, anxiety and damage to my private happened.

Yours Faithfully

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