

Media statement

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Board seeks orders in relation to former surgeon Jayant Patel

The Medical Board of Australia today took disciplinary action against former surgeon Jayant Patel in the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) in Brisbane.

The Medical Board of Australia (the Board) has taken disciplinary action against Dr Patel in relation to his clinical care of patients and in relation to fraud associated with his application for registration as a medical practitioner in Australia.

Dr Patel has not participated in the disciplinary proceedings about this matter to date, however the Board continued to provide Dr Patel with all relevant information in accordance with orders made by QCAT.

Dr Patel is not currently registered to practise medicine in Australia. The Board is seeking orders prohibiting Dr Patel from being registered as a medical practitioner in Australia in the future. The Board believes this to be an appropriate disciplinary outcome in order to protect the public and maintain professional standards.

Although the disciplinary action against Dr Patel commenced in 2005, the Board were required to suspend its action until the conclusion of criminal proceedings brought against Dr Patel. Those criminal proceedings concluded in 21 November 2013 and the Board immediately resumed its action in the Tribunal.

The Tribunal is expected to hand down its decision on Friday of this week.

The Board is not able to comment further at this time.

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