

Media statement

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Tribunal orders Dr Jayant Patel must never be registered again

The Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal this morning ordered that Dr Jayant Patel must never be registered in the medical profession again in Australia.

The QCAT found that Dr Jayant Patel engaged in unsatisfactory professional conduct of a serious nature. This included misconduct in a professional sense, improper and unethical conduct.

The tribunal found that his practice was incompetent, showed lack of adequate knowledge, skill, judgment and care and fell well below acceptable standards.

The tribunal found that had Dr Patel been registered, his registration would have been cancelled and that he must never be registered in the medical profession again. In its finding, the Tribunal wanted to send a clear message of deterrence.

This serious adverse finding will now be on the public record and accessible to all international medical regulators to whom Dr Patel may apply for registration. The Board will also advise international regulatory authorities of this outcome.

The Board persisted with disciplinary action to protect the public, manage risk to patients and uphold the high standards of the medical profession.

The Board argued that the tribunal should prevent Dr Patel from ever applying for registration in Australia again.

Disciplinary action against Dr Patel started in 2005, but the Board was required to suspend this until the conclusion of criminal proceedings in November 2013.

The Board immediately resumed its action in the Tribunal and is pleased that, after 10 years, this matter is now closed.

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