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SUBMISSION TO THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON CORE REGISTRATION STANDARDS

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The Cosmetic Physicians Society of Australasia (CPSA) is pleased to make a submission to the Medical Board of Australia's (MBA) public consultation paper on the review of registration standards: professional indemnity insurance; continuing professional development; and recency of practice.

About the CPSA

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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The CPSA represents the largest group of doctors in Australia with a special interest in minimally-invasive cosmetic medicine. One of the CPSA's primary endeavours is to safeguard the public by ensuring regulations are adhered to and standards are upheld in this evolving area of medicine.

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The CPSA has played a significant role in the development of standards to protect the public in recent years and actively works to highlight and eradicate bad practices. For example, it was involved in formulating the NS10010 National Standard – Accreditation of Cosmetic Clinics which caters for cosmetic medicine practices where minimally invasive procedures are performed. The CPSA has also advocated against group-buy companies continuing to knowingly flout the law by promoting and marketing discounted and time-limited deals for cosmetic medical procedures.

Currently, the CPSA is represented on the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) working group that is examining the use of lasers and IPLs for cosmetic purposes.

Review of core registration standards

The CPSA concurs with the intention of the MBA to revise the core registration standards to ensure:

- standards are reviewed every three years, in keeping with good regulatory practice, and
- clarity is provided and that the standards are easy to understand

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Review of registration standard: Professional indemnity insurance arrangements

The CPSA supports the MBA's recommendation to adopt Option 2. This option will provide clearer wording and structure to the standard requirements for professional indemnity insurance for registered health practitioners.

Review of registration standard: Continuing professional development

The CPSA supports the MBA's recommendation to adopt Option 2. This option will provide a clear structure to the requirements for continuing professional development (CPD) particularly for the different categories of medical practitioners.

Review of registration standard: Recency of practice

The CPSA supports the MBA's recommendation to adopt Option 2 to introduce minimum hours per week to the requirements for recency of practice. The CPSA is of the view that this revised standard will ensure clarity and is workable in the current standard.

Furthermore, the CPSA supports the proposition that the core registration standards are regularly reviewed at least every five years to ensure that they remain relevant and workable, but also to maintain good regulatory practice.

Yours sincerely,



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