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Attention: Medical, AHPRA
Chief Executive Officer

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To whom it may concern

RE Consultation-Core Registration standards

I am a Specialist anaesthetist, member of both the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) and the Australian society of Anaesthetists (ASA) and have concerns regarding the CPD section of the proposed core registration standards.

Specifically, it does not consider the anaesthetist who is not a member of the relevant specialist college, ANZCA, for whatever reason. This subgroup of people need a clear path for completion of their CPD requirements in compliance with AHPRA.

This situation could be improved with the addition of two more clauses in the proposed standard and updating the AHPRA audit form to include a section for non-college members.

As an example an additional clause stating that specialists may complete a self-directed program of CPD (such as that provided by the ASA) as long as it complies with the CPD standard as set by the relevant college (in this case ANZCA) and approved by AHPRA.

As a second additional clause the standard should be a stand alone document and not be tied via footnotes to an everchanging handbook provided by the college. It would be much fairer if there was a clause defining that any handbook with detailed further information as to how to comply with the standard could be used and the footnotes of an AHPRA approved standard should not tie it to one college provided handbook. The ASA, for example, could provide a handbook by which their members could comply with the AHPRA approved standard. Presently the footnotes of the ANZCA CPD standard prohibit this.

In a fair world, the ASA as a major provider of CPD activities to anaesthetists, should be jointly involved in any significant alteration to the CPD standard as it applies to anaesthetists, within the consulting process from AHPRA.

A new problem for self-directed CPD anaesthetists occurs in the layout of the recently distributed AHPRA audit form which has no box to choose if one is choosing a self-directed path of CPD separate from the college, such as the CPD folder provided by the ASA.

Yours Faithfully

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