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Dear Med Board of Australia

I realise that you have limited resources and time to be regulating the 'beautician' sector to protect consumers re: cosmetic surgery procedures - unfortunately this is the area where some really dreadful side effects occur...

With nurses, however, surely this is an area you can look at also applying 'draft cosmetic procedures guidelines'...

As a General Practitioner with a sub-specialty interest/expertise in skin cancer and General Dermatology, I see a lot of patients come across my rooms who ask my advice on where to go for 'some cosmetic work'.

I would strongly like to give feedback that if you just concentrate on doctors in this field of medicine, you will be excluding a whole group of practitioners who will remain unregulated - nurses who decide to go into cosmetic work.

There is an explosion just in the last five years in nurses - who obviously to some degree for financial and lifestyle reasons compared to being a classical hospital ward nurse - decide to become 'nurse practitioners' in cosmetics.

There is nothing necessarily wrong with this but please do not target just doctors/GPs 'who decide to go into cosmetic medicine'.

I can tell you anecdotally a lot of patients are voting with their '*convenience/less waiting time/cheaper/no referral needed*' decision making, and seeing these nurses instead.

E.g. check out this Dermatology practice - note how many 'cosmetic practitioners' are nurses;

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Or this one, run by a non-Dermatologist:

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It has '4 laser nurses'

So please do not just regulate doctors for draft guidelines - also nurses please

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