

14th April 2015

AHPRA Medical Board

RE: 'Consultation – Registered medical practitioners who provide cosmetic medical and surgical procedures'

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with regards to the proposed changes to regulations surrounding medical and cosmetic procedures. I have read the consultation paper and whilst I agree with some of the suggestions such as a cooling off period for major cosmetic procedures such as breast augmentation, I am strongly opposed to certain aspects and hence wish to provide feedback regarding point 17.7 on page 50 in particular:

Should a medical practitioner be expected to have a face-to-face consultation (in person, not by video conference or similar) with a patient before prescribing schedule 4 prescription only cosmetic injectables?

From time to time I have Botox injections at a reputable Melbourne clinic which are administered by a very skilful, well respected nurse injector. This is always preceded by a dual consultation with the nurse in person and a doctor via Sykpe. I am very happy with this process and don't see any need to change it. I have always felt well informed, advised of any possible complications, provided with alternatives and given time to consider if I want to go ahead. I trust the nurse injector and I trust that he will only suggest treatments that compliment my skin care regime conducted by the clinic.

I do not want to have to visit a GP for a face to face consultation so that I can have Botox injections. Neither do I want to have my GP injecting me either. In my experience, the existing practice is a professional process that works fine.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Liz 