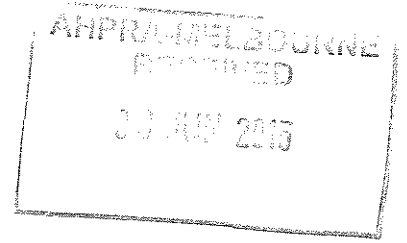


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To whom it may concern,

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Public Consultation paper, registered medical practitioners who provide cosmetic laser and surgical procedures.

I write as a friend of the cofounder Dr Dennis McCurdy of Anti-Aging Cosmetic and Laser, Canterbury.

I have sat in and observed dr McCurdy and a few of his nurse injectors and they are of a very *high* professional standard. I am aware that regular training sessions including for CPR and the latest research and clinical procedures occur.

Whilst I am not in this industry, I am surprised that telemedicine is being encouraged in many areas of medicine but not in this one and am unclear as to why this would occur. I agree, patient safety is of the utmost concern and therefore proper guidelines, policies and procedures should be in place. This is currently occurring at this practice.

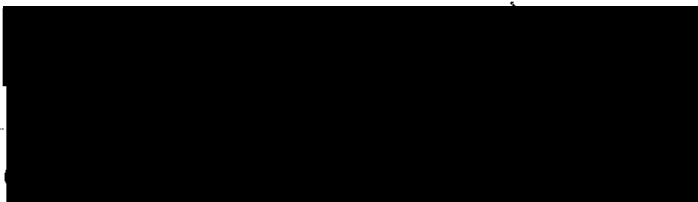
As a paediatrician, I agree for young people that cooling off periods are a very good idea so that hasty decisions are not made. I also agree that for young people under the age of 18 years more rigorous assessment should be required from a psychologist or psychiatrist or paediatrician.

However from my experience of observing Dr McCurdy at Antiaging Cosmetic Laser the doctors and nurses spends a lot of time with patients and more often than not encourage clients to think about the procedure prior to going ahead for all age groups. Verbal consent and written information is provided including discussion about post-operative care.

I think that this issue requires much more consultation and engagement of key practices around Australia.

I look forward to hearing the outcome of this discussion paper.

Yours sincerely

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