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Re : Draft Revised - Good medical practice: A code of conduct for doctors in Australia

The Australasian Sleep Association (ASA) is the peak scientific body in Australia & New Zealand representing clinicians, scientists and researchers in the broad area of Sleep. Our vision is the provision of world standard research, education and training, and establishment of clinical standards to ensure clinical best practice in sleep medicine resulting in an informed community with healthy sleep practices.

ASA endorses the proposed revised code to continue to provide guidance to medical practitioners, with explicit standards of ethical and professional conduct expected of doctors by their professional peers and the community. We believe the guidelines are clearly written and easily understandable for doctors and patients alike.

While we would hope that all doctors would automatically meet these guidelines, we believe that they will clarify what patients should expect of their health professionals.

As the body representing professionals in the sleep field we are particularly keen to see 11.2.6 which requires medical practitioners to "Recognise the impact of fatigue on your health and your ability to care for patients, and endeavouring to work safe hours wherever possible."

The ASA is a keen advocate for the best medical practice and are signatories on the recently finalised "Consensus Statement of Shared Values and Ethical Principles for Collaboration and Interaction Among Organisations in the Healthcare Sector" which was signed by 52 organisations in the healthcare sector <https://www.sleep.org.au/documents/item/3720>.

Should you require any further information in regard this submission please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED] e-mail: [REDACTED].

Kind regards

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