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Good morning

Thank for allowing me to comment on the changes to the medical code of conduct.

I note that the context is largely unchanged but there are some important changes.

May I also add that such codes are important to provide context to practice and an approach to benchmarking one's own behaviours.

I have tabled my comments here:

Section	New Section number	Comment
Professionalism	2.1	I would like to see both the diversity of medical practitioners and Australian culture and the communities they care for
Providing good care	3.2	I think it would be good to acknowledge uncertainty. While treatments are recommended, uncertainty of response is a real issue that needs to be acknowledged
Informed consent	4.4	Fees need to be recognised upfront
	4.10	Information for families and carers needs to be available and consistent
	4.11	Doctors have an additional responsibility to be trained in open disclosure
	4.14	Not only do doctors have a responsibility to provide palliative care, they also have a responsibility to recognise when this is required
Working in the healthcare system	7.2	I would be even more explicit in stating that we have a responsibility to ensure that we avoid unnecessary and burdensome interventions that are costly (indirectly and directly) that do not add to a person's care

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