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Public Consultation on Good Medical Practice

Submission re draft revision 2018

Good Medical Practice: A code of conduct for doctors in Australia

Thank you for the opportunity of commenting on the proposed changes.

My first concern is that this consultation does not appear to have been widely advertised. Indeed it has been difficult to find anything about it.

My major concern is that it seems to be too restrictive of freedom of comment and discussion.

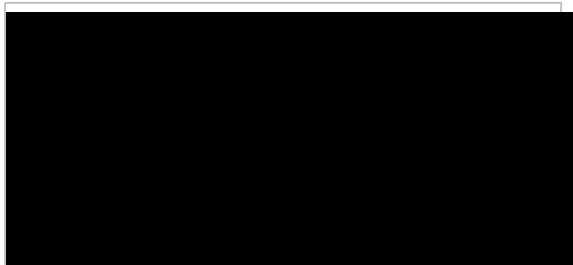
The popular mind would like to think there is a correct effective treatment for everything. Clearly this is unrealistic.

There are often a number of different approaches to management. Doctors should be able to discuss these freely and advise patients accordingly.

To restrict these freedoms will militate against genuine research and have the effect of making progress and development of better patient care difficult if not impossible.

In most cases, the current code is better than the proposed changes.

Yours sincerely,



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