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Dear Sirs/Madams,

I would like to protest over the proposed change of the Code of good medical practise.

“‘Culturally safe’ does not necessarily equate to medically safe ... ‘Respecting’ can be taken to mean agreeing with, affirming, and accepting that we cannot challenge false medical belief and inappropriate treatment.” (Dr Lachlan Dunjey, Perth)

A medical professional has to weigh up many options in the treatment of patients. If adding a cultural or other alternative element in which the patient has beliefs not medically sound, the added complication would be thoughts like ‘Can I mention that and not offend my patient?’ or ‘Will I encourage them to go ahead with their lifestyle practise knowing it is detrimental to their health?’

I would like my doctor to simply be able to medically examine and diagnose me – irrespective of my lifestyle, beliefs, culture - without having to second guess their opinion (which is scientifically based on many years of training) and being able to inform me of their opinion without fear of retribution!

Regards,

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Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.

Martin Luther King, Jnr.