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To whom it may concern,

The new draft code of conduct is absurd - who comes up with mind boggling rubbish?!?!? Obviously those wanting to push particular ideologies without due consideration of the full implications of what the changes would mean, and without proper acknowledgement of the rigorous standards of evidence based medical practice!!!! Doctors have worked too hard and should be allowed to be doctors and practice evidence based medicine without prejudice. this code would force them to support potentially scientifically and medically dangerous and incorrect ideologies!!

This has not been well thought through! This can not go ahead!!

Culturally appropriate/safe is not always medically appropriate/safe or actually acceptable - e.g. child marriage, female genital mutilation are unacceptable in Australia, but are cultural norms elsewhere. "Culturally safe" is a nebulous and ideological term which has no place in a medical code of conduct.

Sexual orientation and gender identity are medically irrelevant could not be further from the truth- and while patients may not understand the reasons for the medical relevance of these factors, shying away from exploring these factors is ultimately compromising the standard of excellence of clinical care of patients who most need it- eg risk of thromboembolism in transgender patients on hormone therapy and risk of particular infections in men who have sex with men. Doctors need to be able to decide what is medically relevant and in the best interests of their patients without fear of recrimination under politically driven codes of conduct.

Doctors should be allowed to express personal opinions freely when off-duty without being censored. The medical board must consider whether this proposal is actually discriminatory against those who hold particular/minority cultural, political and religious beliefs.

Furthermore, there are countless examples in medical history when medical breakthroughs were initially against the generally accepted views of the profession (eg Prof Marshall and h.pylori causing stomach ulcers, speaking out about cigarettes causing cancer etc) and if we censor the ability of doctors to enter debate and suggest contradictory theories these we risk killing the very thing that drives medical discovery and excellence of care.

Doctors should not be forced to shut up!!! They are hear to help! It blows my mind that there people behind this - pure evil in my opinion!

We absolutely cannot allow Medicine to be politicised and controlled in the way that is proposed in this code!!!!

Doctors should be respectful of all people at all times but the very nature of their work demands at times addressing sensitive topics and we must not compromise this.

Where is the line???

I can't help think there is a hidden agenda behind this code!! It must not pass!!

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