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Dear Members of the Board

Re: The Proposed Change to the Code of Conduct

I have deep concerns for the future of medicine in the light of proposed changes which will require doctors to be 'culturally safe' and compliant to a patient's beliefs even if that differs from best medical practice and their professional judgement.

Respect for patients is not the same as accepting cultural practices that may not be safe, appropriate or legal. Doctors need the freedom to discuss problems that are medically diagnosed or suspected without fear of anti-discrimination charges.

The current wording of the 2009 version of the Code is ethically sound and should not be changed! Why would we want to put our doctors in such a potential breach of their Hippocratic Oath?

Regards

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