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Submission:

I oppose the draft revised code of conduct, Good medical practice: A code of conduct for doctors in Australia.

The code should be retained in the present 2009 version.

The proposed changes will be detrimental to the health of patients for a number of reasons. The most notable is that healthy and respectful discussion and debate among health professionals is likely to be stifled by the proposed changes. This could create intellectual emptiness in what should be lively areas of discussion and learning as well as an intolerant uniformity on issues that require a finely nuanced discussion.

New ideas traditionally come from the younger members members of any society.

New ideas also traditionally face opposition (eg Semmelweiss). Young health professionals will fear speaking out for fear of being held back professionally.

I feel very strongly about this.

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