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Dear Medical Board of Australia Consultation team,

We congratulate on the many improvements noted in the new draft. We are grateful for clearer guidance on safety in the work place related to violations of sexual harassment and bullying.

The PRIME Australia network is network of Australian medical educators and health educators who teach on the importance of whole person medicine and whole person care. This approach seeks to understand both the doctor and the person as a patient within their social, cultural and spiritual networks, histories, practices and beliefs. The network emphasises a relationship approach to all in the health system both colleague and client valuing each as an individual of importance. We work with a bio physical and social and spiritual lens on health capacity building. While emphasising the importance of best practice in knowledge, skills and attitudes, we acknowledge that to translate this into better health outcomes the health worker needs to engage with the worldview of the person as patient. This will allow best practice to translate into best outcomes. We acknowledge the importance of the following health determinants – physical, social, emotional and spiritual. We acknowledge the importance of engaging with a person's ideas, concerns and expectations. We encourage a whole person, integrated approach to diagnosis and treatment. Such a holistic approach leads to shared and aligned understanding between doctor and patient. We teach utilising a broad toolkit of adult education strategies

We draw your attention to strengthening the importance of the doctor patient partnership.

4.1 Introduction

Relationships based on respect, openness, trust and good communication will enable you to work in partnership with your patients.

We acknowledge that the practitioner will continue to grow in these skills and insights as they continue their practice.

Improved 4.1 Introduction

Relationships based on respect, openness, trust and good communication will enable you to work in partnership with your patients. We seek to translate medical best practice into better personal outcomes for each patient based on their ideas, concerns and expectations. This involves seeking to better understand the following determinants of health for each person - physical, social, emotional and spiritual. Such a holistic approach leads to a shared and aligned understanding between doctor and patient.

Thank you for the opportunity to engage in this important process. We wish you well.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of the PRIME Australia Network
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