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Dear Dr Flynn

Public consultation: *Good medical practice*

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) is pleased to provide comment on the draft revised *Good medical practice: A code of conduct for doctors in Australia*.

RACS is the leading advocate for surgical standards, professionalism and surgical education in Australia and New Zealand. RACS is a not-for-profit organisation that represents more than 7000 surgeons and 1300 surgical trainees and International Medical Graduates across New Zealand and Australia. As part of its commitment to standards and professionalism, RACS strives to take informed and principled positions on issues associated with surgical standards and the delivery of health services.

In preparing a response, RACS consulted with surgical specialty societies, associations and regional committees.

In principle, RACS broadly supports the draft revised *Good medical practice: A code of conduct for doctors in Australia*, it adheres to good principles and the changes made have improved the document.

RACS welcomes the opportunity to work with the Medical Board and Fellows who have been identified for a low level breach of the Code. The College currently provides retraining, reskilling and mentoring to Fellows who require or request assistance with these skills.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input into this valuable document.

Yours sincerely

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