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I am concerned about the proposed changes to the code of conduct.

I understand there is a proposal to introduce the term 'culturally safe'.

Evidence based medicine has traditionally underpinned medical practice. However in more recent times, medicine is confronted with issues where societal expectations have borne weight on what is acceptable medical opinion. Social expectation is based on many things, including the strengths of various lobby groups and whoever holds the position of power at a given time. These factors are often influenced more so by the beliefs of their proponents, rather than from what is evident in the clinical sciences.

I am deeply concerned that including the clause "culturally safe" may lead to societal factors trumping evidence based practice in certain areas of clinical management.

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