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Dear APHRA

I make the following written submission to register my concern with regard to the draft revised code of conduct, Good medical practice: A code of conduct for doctors in Australia.

I have always looked to the medical profession to protect individual patients and provide clear, specific and timely advice on risks and possible outcomes for all medical advice to their individual patient circumstances. Doctors, as professionals must think for themselves and not just follow the consensus or follow the majority. As professional individuals they must be allowed to express their own professional opinion so that the individual patient benefits.

Doctors must never be forced to comply with the group. What if the group is wrong, biased or corrupt? In these cases the individual must provide frank and fearless advice.

A current case for concern is that regarding the affirmation of gender dysphoria in prepubescent patients below the age of consent. It is well documented that the majority (up to 98%) of cases where the patient identifies to a gender, other than their own given at birth by their genetic makeup, resolve back to the natural state after puberty. If an individual doctor suggests therapy and waiting until after puberty the gender and sexual anxiety of the patient usually resolves.

If the medical practitioners are not able to consider the work of Paul McHugh and Kenneth Zucker in the management of minors with gender dysphoria issues they open themselves up to legal action from causing lifelong and irreversible infertility. The society norms on the issue will have swung back to a facts based basis rather than the reaffirmation of a gender delusion.

I urge that any requirement for medical practitioners to follow the views of the majority be removed from the code of conduct.

Regards

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