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To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my opposition to the suggested changes to the 'Code of conduct.' I do not wish to see Medical practices become the puppet of cultural beliefs and practices (which are vague terms). Surely, a doctor can remain free to give his or her professional judgment?

As Dr. Dunjey has said, “To actually achieve good medical outcomes for patients, doctors have to be free to challenge difficult problems that patients might seek to avoid, such as “excess weight, excess alcohol, dangers of sexual behaviours – at the very least to tell medical truth”

Also, while I agree each person is free to hold on to their own cultural beliefs, I also agree each doctor is entitled to their professional opinion and even differing beliefs.

So please reconsider any changes in this Draft code. Please safe guards a doctor's right to express medical truth.

kind regards

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