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To: medboardconsultation

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Attachments:



Dear Dr Flynn, thankyou for not publishing any complaints unless they are supported by investigation by our Medical Board.

I remain concerned by 4.8 whereby the patient/family can determine if care is culturally safe/respectful. Some of my patients disagree with blood transfusions, vivisection including primates, transplantation and if they take offence with well established practice and teaching we risk going back to the dark ages! If patients come to me as a doctor I expect their respect about the scientific basis of medicine.

My comment also applies to 10.2.3 and I would add that personal expression of my views outside my practice are that- personal and not subject to regulatory comment unless they are illegal when it is a police, not APHRA matter in the personal sphere.

We are encouraged to have a GP and seek medical advice but how can we get confidential advice from a colleague who is under the shadow of mandatory reporting?

I think we should be able to seek medical care with the same confidentiality we give our non-medical patients. I agree with reporting of unsatisfactory behaviour/practice noticed by colleagues in practice but not in the consultation room. Mandatory reporting should be modified otherwise our advice to have a GP is hollow.

Cheers Dr Kearney

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