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Practitioner reprimanded, removed from register and banned for nine months

14 November 2014

Statement from the Medical Board of Australia

The Northern Territory Health Professional Review Tribunal has reprimanded Dr Daniel Van Dijk, removed his name from the register, and banned him from reapplying for registration for nine months. The tribunal found Dr Van Dijk had prescribed drugs of addiction for his own use, in the names of other people without their knowledge.

Dr Van Dijk admitted to having used the oxycodone that he had prescribed to two women with whom he was in a close personal relationship on 94 separate occasions.

The matter related to a notification made in June 2010 under the Health Practitioners Act 2004 (NT) and which was dealt with by the Medical Board of Australia under the transition provisions in the National Law. The tribunal ordered the removal of Dr Van Dijk's name from the register of practitioners, which is the equivalent of a cancellation under the current Health Practitioner Regulation National Law NT.

The tribunal:

- reprimanded Dr Van Dijk
- ordered his name to be removed from the register, and
- banned him from reapplying for registration for nine months from 28 October 2014.

The full decision is available on the **AustLII** website.

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