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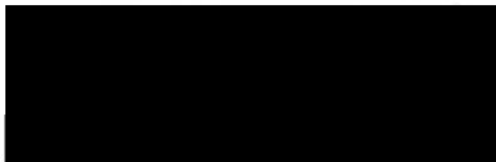
Consultation – Health checks for late career doctors

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO) appreciates the opportunity to provide our feedback on the proposed options to keep late career doctors in safe practice as set out in the consultation regulation impact statement.

RANZCO is the medical college responsible for the training and professional development of ophthalmologists in Australia and New Zealand. We seek to enhance equitable service provision across Australia and develop a sustainable ophthalmology workforce with the goal of eliminating avoidable blindness.

Cognisant of ensuring that patient care is paramount and the practitioner administering that care should be in good health, RANZCO prefers option 3: the introduction of general health checks with a GP for late career doctors aged 70 and older, to support early detection of concerns with the opportunity for management before the public is at risk. It is our understanding that these health checks will be conducted by the late career doctor's regular GP.

Yours sincerely,



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