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Dear Dr Katsoris

### MIGA feedback – Medical Board acupuncture registration standard

MIGA appreciates the invitation to provide feedback on the Board's proposed changes to its registration standard, *Endorsement of registration for acupuncture for registered medical practitioners*.

It has not encountered significant issues with the current registration standard. That said it recognises the need to revise the standard given the Board's impending new CPD registration standard and earlier transitional arrangements no longer being relevant.

MIGA suggests the following changes / clarifications to the draft standard

- **Pages 7-8 – Recency of practice**
  - o Add new sentence at end of paragraph to read  
*...work within the limits of your competence and maintain adequate knowledge and skills to provide safe and effective care. **Your responsibilities are set in the Board's Good medical practice: a code of conduct for doctors in Australia available at [www.medicalboard.gov.au](http://www.medicalboard.gov.au).***
- **Page 8 – Continuing professional development** – “...if your scope of practice includes acupuncture, your CPD must include activities related to acupuncture.”
  - o MIGA understands this to refer to all medical practitioners undertaking acupuncture, not only those who have the endorsement on their registration permitting them to use the title ‘acupuncturist’
  - o Given this is contained in a registration standard dealing with endorsed practitioners, this broader requirement may not be appreciated by the profession as a whole
  - o For clarification, MIGA suggests adding a new sentence at the end of the paragraph to read “***This includes both practitioners with a registration endorsement for acupuncture and those who provide acupuncture without an endorsement.***”

If you have any questions or would like to discuss, please contact Timothy Bowen [REDACTED] / [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely



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