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ASA submission to targeted review of the use of the title oral surgeon

About the Australian Society of Anaesthetists

The Australian Society of Anaesthetists (ASA) is the peak body representing the professional interests of Australian anaesthetists. Our role is to support, represent and educate our anaesthetist members in order to empower them to continue to provide world class care and outcomes to Australian patients requiring anaesthesia and surgery. We have a diverse membership of over 3,500 anaesthetists, General Practice anaesthetists (GPA) and doctors-in-training, spread across metropolitan and regional locations throughout Australia.

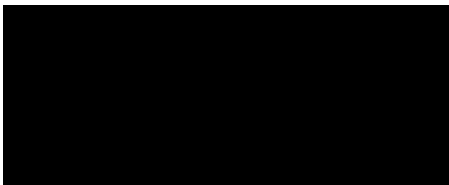
Submission

The ASA welcomes the review by the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) into the use of the title “Oral Surgeon”.

The ASA totally supports the position of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgeons (ANZAOMS) and the Australian Medical Association (AMA) when it comes to this title. Namely, that the title “Oral Surgeon” must be restricted to dental practitioners who have undergone the full Australian Medical Council (AMC) accredited specialist surgical training scheme in Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgery and are fully qualified specialist surgeons as a result.

Australian patients deserve to know the full qualifications and experience of the practitioner providing their care. To allow practitioners with no AMC accredited training to use the title “Oral Surgeon” serves only to mislead patients as to the practitioner’s qualifications and can only lead to lesser patient outcomes.

Yours faithfully,



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