

Public consultation on proposed professional capabilities for paramedics

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Responses to consultation questions

Please provide your confidential feedback as a Word document by email to paramedicineconsultation@ahpra.gov.au by midday on 13 March 2020.

Stakeholder Details

If you wish to include background information about your organisation please provide this as a separate Word document (not PDF).

Organisation name	
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Contact information (please include contact person's name and email address)	

Proposed professional capabilities for paramedics Please provide your responses to any or all questions in the blank boxes to the right of the question		
1. Does any content need to be added to any of the document?	Domain 1 – Requirement to report any restrictions to practice put in place by the Board to their employer	
	Domain 2- Reference to acknowledging limitation of skills	
	Domain 4- Identify and manage risks/patient safety associated with a patient's refusal of care and/or transportation to definitive care	
	Domain 4- A statement regarding fitness to practice, for example not working under the influence of medications and/or alcohol and/or injuries that may affect the ability to carry out the role	
	Domain 4- Reference to seeking further education (theory or skills) should practice improvements be identified	

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2.	Does any content need to be amended or removed from any of the document?	Clarity required on this section in Domain 4 – monitor and evaluate the quality of practice and the value of contributing to the generation of data for quality assurance improvement programs.
3.	Is there important content in these capabilities that is better placed in clinical practice guidelines or in ethical and professional guidelines, and vice versa?	A statement relating to delegation of patient care whilst maintaining responsibility for patient care
4.	Is the content on cultural safety clear and helpful? Why or why not?	No comment
5.	Is the language clear and appropriate? Are there any potential unintended consequences of the current wording?	Domain 1- Demonstrate knowledge of Australian Care systems; this is ambiguous as Australian health care systems very within each state/territory. Domain 4 - Maintain an effective audit trail - could be expanded for clarity on what it means
6.	Are there jurisdiction-specific impacts for practitioners, or governments or other stakeholders that the Board should be aware of if these professional capabilities are adopted?	No comment
7.	Are there implementation issues the Board should be aware of?	No comment
8.	Do you have any other feedback or comments on this consultation paper, process or the proposed draft proposed professional capabilities?	No comment