



Community News: Safer healthcare for You.

Welcome to the AhPra and National Boards Community News. Spring Edition.



Let us introduce ourselves

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and the 15 National Boards work in partnership to ensure Australia's registered health practitioners are suitably trained, qualified and safe to practise. Public safety is our priority.

Finding a Practitioner that is right for me

You can use the [Public Register](#) to search for a type of practitioner by location (eg. dentist in Ascot Vale, 3032). You can then narrow your search by language or gender, helping you find a practitioner that's right for you.



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Did you know?

There are over 920,000 registered health practitioners in Australia?

Nurses and medical practitioners, trained overseas and in Australia, make up more than half of our country's registered health workforce. Followed by psychologists, physiotherapists, pharmacists, occupational therapists and dentists.

Australia is in the top three countries of nurses and doctors per head of population – with 3.3 registered health practitioners for every 100 Australians.

However, more work is needed to increase the rates of practitioners identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. In 2022/23, 10,813 health practitioners identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander – that's 1.2 per cent of all registered health practitioners, and well short of the 3.8 per cent representation in the general population.

Stay in touch

We'd love to hear your feedback, especially if there are any topics you would like to know more about. Contact us at communitynews@ahpra.gov.au.



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Community Advisory Council

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) provides a community voice to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (National Scheme) by giving feedback and advice from a consumer and community viewpoint. The CAC also offers advice on how best to consult with consumers and communities, with a particular focus on underserved consumers and communities whose health and wellbeing is affected by limited access to healthcare.

Members share their opinions as individuals and not as representatives of groups. Membership includes two identified positions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders; with membership also actively sought from young people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities, LGBTIQ+ people, people with disabilities and people from rural and remote communities.



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Thinking about cosmetic injectables for the holidays?

In the lead up to the festive season, we start seeing advertisements promoting cosmetic procedures such as dermal fillers and anti-wrinkle injections as gift suggestions. You may even be thinking about giving a gift voucher for these treatments or getting a treatment yourself.

While it may seem the same as getting a haircut or a facial, cosmetic procedures carry real risk. Even if you've had a procedure before, it's important you think carefully about your decision every time. If you decide that a cosmetic procedure or cosmetic surgery is for you – be safe first. Visit our website to know which questions to ask and what to look out for, so you can make an informed decision.



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