

Thank you for a chance to send a viewpoint.

Minority people get scant hearing at any level, perhaps because busy groups have much to do? We do not, however lose our ability instantly, so may be useful to hear?

As merely a surgical assistant to urologists, (well credentialed & able urologists who keep asking me to help at Radical Nephrectomy, Radical Prostatectomy etc), I feel isolated from anyone listening. I do not practice otherwise except to occasionally prescribe for family when "they run out before next appointment".

Remaining lucid despite age, as evidenced by continued appointment to Melbourne Health Mental Health Research & Ethics Committee, notwithstanding my offers to resign, I find Continuing Medical Education requirements to be unrealistic for me, but by reading, practice & occasional attendance at seminars or lectures can fulfil requirements.

My view is that RACS, AHPRA and others need to scrutinise and understand minority views much better so anxiety is lessened for those not now in mainstream, as I find "gobbledegook of requirements" quite uninterpretable often, so being honest have to ask for advice.

It is difficult for you, but I wish to contribute while able & safe.

Sincerely

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