

Dear Sir/Madam,

In my opinion the word medical practice should be limited to roles which involve patient care either directly or indirectly. I trained as a nephrologist and am currently in full time medical research. I do not see/treat/bill or refer patients. I do not advice on patient care. My work in research involves experiments with cell culture and animal models; supervision of PhD students; grant writing ; reviewing grant applications/papers and teaching of medical students. The word "practice" at the moment includes research and teaching but does not define what type of research or teaching. I was advised by AHPRA last year that i had to pay full registration and once again the same advise this year. My concerns about having to pay full registration were discussed with 2 separate AHPRA officers over the last 1 year but i have not had this matter resolved but was hit with another full registration renewal PLUS late fee (which i had to negotiate to be removed). I understand that there is a public discussion about this issue which is why I am writing in.

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