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Dear Dr. Katsoris,

RE: Public consultation on draft guidelines for registered dental, medical, nursing and midwifery, paramedic and podiatric practitioners and students in relation to blood-borne viruses

Thank you for asking the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) to comment on these guidelines.

RACS has been involved in their formulation at all stages and appreciates that they have been accepted by the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Committee (AHMAC).

In answer to your specific questions we make the following comments:

- These guidelines are needed and appropriate.
- RACS is in agreement with these guidelines as agreed by AHMAC and makes no recommendations for alteration or addition.
- RACS is in agreement with the guidelines, and recognizes that they will need to remain under review and revision from time to time. In addition, RACS offers its commitment to participate in any ongoing dialogue or review, and is committed to remain in dialogue with this process and guidelines as is required from time to time.

Please feel free to be in contact at any stage.

Yours faithfully,



Dr John Quinn AM FRACS
Executive Director for Surgical Affairs