

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
Ambulance Victoria
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<p>1. Does any content need to be added to any of the document?</p>	<p>Overall we feel the purpose of the document, the intended audience and how the document is to be used is not well defined. The document would benefit from further discussion around these two areas and refinement to address the above identified concerns.</p> <p>In addition, we suggest the following:</p> <p>Domain 2 Part 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We suggest including 'volunteer healthcare workers' in the broader definition of 'Healthcare team members'. <p>Domain 4 Part 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• While this section refers to "hospital acquired infections", we see that this could be expanded to include 'community acquired infections' also given the setting in which most paramedics work <p>Domain 4 Part 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We suggest inclusion of the role of 'Dynamic Risk Assessment'. As an example, Emergency Management Victoria provides an overview at https://files-em.em.vic.gov.au/public/JSOP/SOP-J08.02.pdf <p>Domain 4 Part 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We suggest greater focus on 'safety' in relation to coordinated transfer, extrication and transport of patient• We suggest highlight role of effective cooperation in ensuring risk is not transferred to other agencies.
<p>2. Does any content need to be amended or removed from any of the document?</p>	<p>Domain 4 Part 1</p> <p>We suggest the addition of the following</p> <p>"Manage risks associated with patient transfers. Paramedics must transfer and move patients in a safe and dignified manner to avoid further or new injury to patient or paramedic."</p>

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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?	<p>We understand there will always be overlap between competencies, CPGs and/or ethical and professional guidelines.</p> <p>Domain 1 Part 1</p> <p>We believe that additional guidance around the both the 'legal and ethical boundaries of paramedicine' and 'principles underpinning bio-ethics in paramedicine practice' would be beneficial to the intended audience to provide clarity relating to the competencies.</p> <p>We feel an 'ethical framework' specific to the paramedicine profession would be beneficial for future workforce education, implementation and practical application.</p>
4. Is the content on cultural safety clear and helpful? Why or why not?	<p>We believe It is an important inclusion in a paramedic capability document. More detail is required to reasonably inform practise. We feel The addition of the material as a footnote diminishes the importance of the content and subject matter.</p>
5. Is the language clear and appropriate? Are there any potential unintended consequences of the current wording?	<p>The domain language is inconsistent and would read better for example 'professional and ethical paramedic practice, communication and collaboration in paramedic practice....., professional paramedic practice'.</p> <p>We do not foresee any potential unintended consequences of the current wording.</p>
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?	<p>None that we have identified for Victoria</p>
7. Are there implementation issues the Board should be aware of?	<p>As mentioned, the addition of a 'purpose' statement would assist jurisdictions and the broader audience to identify how they may use the capabilities. The 'how to use the capability statements' does not provide any guidance to their use or implementation.</p>

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8. Do you have any other feedback or comments on this consultation paper, process or the proposed draft proposed professional capabilities?

No.