

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
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<i>Please provide your responses to any or all questions in the blank boxes to the right of the question</i>	
1. Does any content need to be added to any of the document?	Reference should be made to medication, safe management, selection, provision/dispensing or prescription. This would also be a place to raise and refer regarding personal medication safety (abuse risk potential)
2. Does any content need to be amended or removed from any of the document?	Add medication information as above
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?	Yes, it would be relevant in all of the above

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4. Is the content on cultural safety clear and helpful? Why or why not?	
5. Is the language clear and appropriate? Are there any potential unintended consequences of the current wording?	
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?	The government should be aware of what is currently happening in the maritime, oil and gas industries and how this practice is occurring safely and successfully and skills from here could be adapted into greater practice
7. Are there implementation issues the Board should be aware of?	
8. Do you have any other feedback or comments on this consultation paper, process or the proposed draft proposed professional capabilities?	Yes – paramedics have unique access to patients and can be a sole resource for many patients in resource poor areas. Prescription of medications and their dispensing is very unique but important skill that should be made available to some paramedics who can demonstrate it's need and safe use as part of their scope of practice.