

Q1. The Medical Board of Australia is consulting on three documents aimed at regulating aspects of cosmetic surgery. These documents have been developed following an independent review of the regulation of medical practitioners who perform cosmetic surgery that raised serious concerns about the cosmetic surgery sector.

You are invited to have your say about:

- Draft *Registration standard: Endorsement of registration for cosmetic surgery for registered medical practitioners*
- Draft revised *Guidelines for medical practitioners who perform cosmetic medical and surgical procedures*
- Draft *Guidelines for medical practitioners who advertise cosmetic surgery*

This submission form is intended for organisations and registered health practitioners. Consumers are welcome to provide feedback here but there is a separate submission form with specific questions for consumers.

The questions here are the same as in the Medical Board's consultation paper. Submissions can address some or all of these questions. You can skip questions if you don't have any feedback and there is an opportunity at the end to make additional comments.

The consultation paper, including the three documents, is available on the [Medical Board website](#).

Definition

Cosmetic medical and surgical procedures (as defined in the Medical Board's *Guidelines for registered medical practitioners who perform cosmetic medical and surgical procedures*) are operations and other procedures that revise or change the appearance, colour, texture, structure or position of normal bodily features with the dominant purpose of achieving what the patient perceives to be a more desirable appearance.

Major cosmetic medical and surgical procedures ('cosmetic surgery') is defined as procedures which involve cutting beneath the skin. Examples include: breast augmentation, abdominoplasty, rhinoplasty, blepharoplasty, surgical face lifts, cosmetic genital surgery, and liposuction and fat transfer.

Q24. Publication of submissions

The Board generally publishes submissions on its website to encourage discussion and inform the community and stakeholders. The Board accepts submissions made in confidence. These submissions will not be published on the website or elsewhere. Submissions may be confidential because they include personal experiences or other sensitive information. A request for access to a confidential submission will be determined in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth), which has provisions designed to protect personal information and information given in confidence. Please let us know if you do not want us to publish your submission, or want us to treat all or part of it as confidential. Published submissions will include the names of the individuals and/or the organisations that made them, unless confidentiality is expressly requested.

Q2. Do you give permission to publish your submission?

- Yes - with my name
- Yes - without my name
- No - do not publish my submission

Q3. Name

Q4. Organisation (if applicable)

Q5. Email address

Q6. Are you making a submission as?

- An organisation
- An individual medical practitioner
- An individual nurse
- Other registered health practitioner. Please specify
- Consumer/patient
- Other. Please specify
- Prefer not to say

Q7. Do you work in the cosmetic surgery/procedures sector?

This question was not displayed to the respondent.

Q8. What type of medical registration do you have?

This question was not displayed to the respondent.

Q9. Draft Registration standard: Endorsement of registration for cosmetic surgery for registered medical practitioners

The details of the requirements for endorsement are in the [draft registration standard](#).

Q10. Q1. Are the requirements for endorsement appropriate?

Yes

Q11. Q2. Are the requirements for endorsement clear?

Yes

Q12. Q3. Is anything missing?

No

Q13. Draft revised *Guidelines for medical practitioners who perform cosmetic medical and surgical procedures*

The Board is proposing changes to its 2016 *Guidelines for medical practitioners who perform cosmetic medical and surgical procedures*.

The details of the revised guidance are in the [draft revised Cosmetic Guidelines](#).

Q14. Q4. Are the proposed changes to the Cosmetic Guidelines appropriate?

Yes

Q15. Q5. Does splitting the guidance into sections for major and for minor cosmetic procedures make the guidance clearer?

Yes, much clearer

Q16. Q6. Are the draft Cosmetic Guidelines and the Board's expectations of medical practitioners clear?

Yes

Q17. Q7. Do you support the requirement for a GP referral for all patients seeking major cosmetic surgery?

Yes, however Nurse Practitioners should also be able to refer patients seeking major cosmetic surgery, to ensure appropriate referral pathways and consistency.

Q18. Q8. Do you support the requirement for major cosmetic surgery to be undertaken in an accredited facility?

Yes

Q19. Q9. Is anything missing?

No

Q20. Draft Guidelines for medical practitioners who advertise cosmetic surgery

The Board's current *Guidelines for medical practitioners who perform cosmetic medical and surgical procedures* (2016) include a section 'Advertising and marketing'.

The Board is proposing standalone *Guidelines for medical practitioners who advertise cosmetic surgery* because of the influential role of advertising in the cosmetic surgery sector.

The details of the new advertising guidance are in the [draft Advertising Guidelines](#).

Q21. Q10. Is the guidance in the draft Advertising Guidelines appropriate?

Yes

Q22. Q11. Are the draft Advertising Guidelines and the Board's expectations of medical practitioners clear?

Yes

Q23. Q12. Is anything missing?

No

Q25. Additional comments

Q13. Do you have any other comments about cosmetic surgery regulation?

ACNP supports these changes to cosmetic surgery regulation.

Q26.

Thank you for making a submission to the consultation.
Your feedback has been received and will be considered by the Medical Board.