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To Whom It May Concern;

RE: Public Consultation Paper: Registered medical practitioners who provide cosmetic medical and surgical procedures

I have been nursing for over 24 years and have had the privilege to work in many different fields of nursing. Most of my working years have been spent in Aged care homes, Intensive care, General medicine, Heart surgery and Dialysis, working with all types of conditions including Dementia, Anesthetic nursing in Heart surgery, palliative care, emergency and Satellite Dialysis units managed by the nursing team without Dr's on site. I became a Practice Nurse in London in 2005.

I worked as Registered nurse in Italy, England and now here in Australia . Although presently I specialized in cosmetic injectable I worked for nearly 2 years in a satellite Dialysis unit .

As a Registered Nurse I have administered all types of medication including all oral, IV, CVC, SC and IM routes. I've administered blood and plasma transfusions. There was never a need to administer any of these under the supervision of a doctor. As a nurse, that was 'our' responsibility. I have inserted IV cannulas in adults, and children; I have taken blood and even been a part of the stem cell harvesting and return.

Dialysis units and especially Satellite units managed only by the nursing team have patients that can deteriorate very suddenly. On countless occasions I took phone orders from doctor's as they were too busy to attend to the patient and could be for all types of Classified drugs. The phone orders were happily given and we as nurses were happy to administer- it was our job. Our judgment on the observations of a deteriorating patient was almost always trusted by the doctor, the doctor did not necessary see the patient "face to face" to give the order.

I'd had my fair share of working in hospitals so decided I wanted to move into another area. It was then that I became very interested in

Cosmetic Nursing, joining **anti-aging** in 2010. I undertook very formal and intense training with our very experienced doctors as well as Galderma and Allergan. What I love as a professional is how supported we are by both **anti-aging**, Galderma and Allergan with continued education once a month and various workshops throughout the year and once a year a booth camp. I have learnt so much from the combined knowledge of the team. We have the constant support of our doctors and also other colleges at all hours of the day and night -We are a team! I also attend on a yearly basis a Conference in Australia and/or overseas.

What I love about this industry is that after I conduct a thorough consultation with my patient, I contact the working doctor or nurse practitioner using real time video. They will either reassure my patient that my treatment is the right procedure, give me and the patient their second opinion or will discuss alternatives if they think that there are other options. On so many occasions my patients have expressed how wonderful this procedure had been for them. They loved how they got two consultations and two opinions, they felt safe!

Some of my patients are surprised that our consultations were so thorough and that they even needed to fill out a consent form, something they had never had to do before. My patients tell me they love how they don't feel like they've been rushed out the door and they walked out feeling very informed. Because of this my percentage of return patients is very high.

I think real time video is current with our times and now widely accepted world wide as a consultation method throughout many medical areas. In fact I find this system a lot safer than the current system throughout hospitals. I feel it's really unfair to have this taken away from those of us following procedure and making our patients medical safety our top priority. My work is my passion!

Yours sincerely
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