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Subject: RE: Cosmetic Surgery , including lasers and injectables.

POINT 1:

Major cosmetic surgical interventions are becoming more commonplace in our society.

While we might say that this is a "user pays" intervention and doesn't require the same degree of regulation as standard "necessary" medical procedures, many of the complications which arise from these procedures fall back on our standard medicare / public funded health systems. (eg: infections, seromas, unacceptable scarring)

Doctors who have no advanced training in "hands on" surgical technique, need to undertake full anatomical and surgical training and assessment.

POINT 2:

Beauticians using lasers have no real understanding of skin anatomy, physiology, biochemistry or skin diseases and behaviour of these diseases to various stimuli. Time and time again I have seen complications from beauticians using lasers for hair removal, pigmentary issues (diseases such as melasma and post inflammatory pigmentation) as they do not understand the physics of the laser nor it's effect of diseased or damaged skin.

POINT 3:

Nurses should only be treating patients with lasers of injectables if doctor who has proper training in these procedures.

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