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Dear Sir/Madam,

This Code of Conduct could force doctors to accept cultural beliefs and practises that are opposed to good medical practise. The interpretation of culturally safe should not impact on good health outcomes and good medical practice.

To achieve good medical outcomes for patients, doctors have to be free to challenge difficult problems that patients might seek to avoid, such as excess weight, excess alcohol, dangers of sexual behaviours.

For example, gender identity is relevant in so many ways including age, experience, psychological factors and any possible therapeutic intervention both medical and surgical with life-long outcomes and consequences. Likewise, sexual orientation is also medically relevant preventively and therapeutically with regard to past and current sexual practices.

The wording of the 2009 version of the Code is ethically sound and should therefore not be changed.

Thanks.

Regards,

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