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Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Consultation – cosmetic medical and surgical procedures

The Consumers Health Forum of Australia (CHF) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Supplementary Guidelines to the Code ‘Good Medical Practice: A Code of Conduct for Doctors in Australia’.

CHF is the national peak body representing the interests of approximately two million Australian healthcare consumers. CHF works to achieve safe, quality, timely healthcare for all Australians, supported by accessible health information and systems.

Safety and quality of health services is a particular concern in the area of cosmetic medical and surgical procedures. Therefore, CHF welcomed the investigation of a national approach to regulating cosmetic surgery and supported the recommendations of the report, *Cosmetic Medical and Surgical Procedures – A National Framework*.

CHF supported the draft content for the proposed Supplementary Guidelines in this report. Therefore, as a first step towards helping to protect consumers who are accessing cosmetic procedures, CHF now welcomes the inclusion of specific guidance relating to cosmetic medicine as Supplementary Guidelines to the Medical Board’s Code ‘Good Medical Practice: A Code of Conduct for Doctors in Australia’.

CHF would be willing to engage in further consultations relating to the development of a national approach to regulating cosmetic surgery, and thanks the Medical Board for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Supplementary Guidelines to the Code.

Yours sincerely



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