

Communiqué

21 March 2013 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 43rd meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 21 March 2013 in Sydney. This communiqué outlines the issues discussed and decisions made by the Board at its meeting and other points of interest. The Board publishes this communiqué on its website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders.

Consultations

The first 10 National Boards to enter the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) developed standards, guidelines and codes for its commencement on 1 July 2010. These standards, guidelines and codes were scheduled for review at least every three years.

In keeping with this commitment to review, the Board has commenced public consultation the following:

- revised Guidelines for advertising
- revised Code of conduct
- proposed draft Social media policy, and
- revised Guidelines for mandatory notifications.

These documents are common across a number of the first 10 National Boards and consultation will be coordinated across those National Boards.

Please provide feedback by email to guidelinesconsultation@ahpra.gov.au by close of business on Friday 17 May 2013.

Panel decisions

AHPRA has published a summary of <u>panel decisions</u> since July 2010 on its website. Where there is educational and clinical value, summaries have been provided which can be downloaded. Practitioners' names are not published, consistent with the requirements of the National Law.

Keeping in touch with the Board

The Board publishes a range of information about registration and the Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at www.osteopathyboard.gov.au Osteopaths are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policy and guidelines affecting their profession.

Dr Robert Fendall (Osteopath)
Chair

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