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DRAFT REVISED GOOD MEDICAL PRACTICE

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Medical Board of Australia's proposed changes to Good medical practice: A code of conduct for doctors in Australia.

As an initial comment, the current code works well for the AMC's purposes. In particular, it is a key reference document for accreditation standards developed by the AMC. The AMC sets as a learning outcome 'Provide care to all patients according to Good medical practice: A code of conduct for doctors in Australia' Further, the AMC, where relevant, maps statements in the accreditation standards to statements in Good Medical Practice.

The AMC supports the proposed changes, and notes that the content is in line with the development of similar statements internationally. Specifically, the AMC:

- Supports the additional focus on professionalism, and notes that this is consistent with its own work which is intended to strengthen the focus on professionalism in the accreditation of medical programs.
- Would recommend that 'openness' be added in the paragraph beginning 'Professionalism is a set of values..' This would also be consistent with the proposed changes to clause 4.11.3.
- Commends the increased focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's health, and further to culturally safe and respectful practice.
- Supports the expanded guidance on discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment.
- Notes that the emergence of duty of candour frameworks and principles as distinct from open disclosure is not addressed in the proposed changes.

The Australian Medical Council appreciates the invitation to comment on the proposed changes to the Code.

Yours sincerely


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