



Communiqué

Twenty third Meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia 16 September 2011

The twenty third meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia was held on 16 September 2011 in Sydney, during the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme Annual Conference. The conference provided the opportunity for the Board to meet with the other national boards, NSW Councils and management staff of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). The Board is established under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* (National Law) as in force in each state and territory.

This communiqué highlights key issues from the Board's last meeting. At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 14 October 2011 in Surfers Paradise.

Board consultations

The *Draft Guidelines on Clinical Records* for osteopaths will be sent to targeted stakeholders for preliminary consultation in September/October 2011 before opening the consultation up to the public. The Board will keep the profession informed about progress of consultations through communiqués.

CPD Guidelines and Infection Control Guidelines

The Board endorsed the release of *Guidelines on Continuing Professional Development* and *Guidelines on Infection Control*. The final guidelines will be published on the Board's website in the near future.

Delay of the Limited Registration Standards

At the time of consulting on the *Draft Registration Standards for Limited Registration in the Public Interest* and *Draft Limited Registration for Post-Graduate Training and Supervised Practice*, the Board also conducted preliminary consultation on the *definition of practice* with six other National Boards (Chiropractic, Dental, Medical, Optometry, Podiatry and Physiotherapy). The Board has decided that finalisation of the Limited Registration standards be deferred until the outcomes of the cross Boards work on limited registration and the public consultation phase of the *definition of practice*. Other Boards have delayed limited registration standards for the same reasons.

Annual Report

In accordance with the requirements of the National Law, AHPRA will soon release the 2011-2012 Annual Report. The report will detail the financial statement and the performance of the Board and AHPRA over the period, specifically the registration of osteopathy practitioners and the number and management of notifications regarding osteopathy practitioners.

Registration and registrant contact details

The annual renewal date for osteopaths is **30 November 2011**. The Board encourages osteopathy practitioners to both:

- check the National Register of Osteopath practitioners published online at www.osteopathyboard.gov.au to confirm your registration expiry date and

- update your contact details held by AHPRA by going online at www.ahpra.gov.au, click online services, use your unique contact number (User ID) and follow the prompts.

Your User ID, included in AHPRA correspondence to practitioners, is not your registration number. If you do not have your User ID, complete an online enquiry form, selecting 'User ID' as the category of enquiry or by calling 1300 419 495.

Make sure that the contact details supplied to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), including email and telephone, are correct and current.

The Board also reminds osteopaths that under the National Law, all registered osteopathy practitioners are responsible for renewing their registration on time each year and there is no option for AHPRA or the National Board to renew your registration after it has lapsed without a new application. Renewal reminders were sent to osteopaths with a valid email address on 26 September 2011.

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