

National Scheme Community News: Safer healthcare for You

Welcome to the first ever edition of the National Scheme
Community News, where safer healthcare for You is our Priority.

Let us introduce ourselves

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and the 15 National Boards work in partnership to ensure Australia's registered health practitioners are suitably trained, qualified and safe to practise. Public safety is our priority.



Did You know?

At 30 June 2023, there were **19,359** registered health practitioners in Tasmania, across 16 professions. The top 3 professions are **nurses (10,941)**, **doctors (2,941)** and **pharmacists (890)**.

Know who You're seeing about Your healthcare

You can check our [Register of practitioners](#) to see if someone is registered and whether there are any special requirements on their registration. You can search by their name, profession, postcode, gender and/or language spoken.



In focus: Blueprint for reform - Protecting Patients from sexual misconduct and Prioritising community voices

Ahpra has developed a plan to better protect patients from sexual misconduct in healthcare, including providing more information on the public register when a practitioner has a proven history of sexual misconduct. Australia's health ministers support this blueprint, which also includes prioritising community voices in regulatory decision making.



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Do you have a concern about the care you've received?

If you've had a bad experience with a health practitioner, you have a right to complain. The best way is to raise it directly with them and see if you can resolve it straight away. If that's not possible, you have a few options depending on the type of complaint and what you would like to achieve. Call us on 1300 419 495 or visit our website to find out if you are in the right place.



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In focus: Cosmetic surgery

Responding to concerns about public safety in the cosmetic surgery industry, the Medical Board of Australia and Ahpra have issued new standards.

Doctors who perform cosmetic surgery have new requirements for advertising their services. They also need to meet higher standards and a GP needs to refer you to a doctor who will do the surgery.



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