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Dear Madam / Sir

RE: Review of registration standards:

- Professional indemnity insurance
- Continuing professional development
- Recency of practice
- Endorsement for conscious sedation
- Specialist

Review of guidelines:

- Continuing professional development

Thank you for asking the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (the College) to comment on the above consultation documents.

The College does not have any specific comments for the registration standards for Professional indemnity insurance, Continuing professional development, Recency of Practice or Endorsement for Conscious Sedation and agrees with the Board's preferred options for these standards.

With respect to the Specialist Registration standard, the College agrees with the changes and supports the proposed change to the specialist title and definition of the specialty Oral Pathology so that it is changed to Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology to bring it into line with international nomenclature. The College also agrees with the change in definition for Forensic Odontology.

There has also been a change in definition for oral medicine, which appears to be satisfactory, but note that there is some significant similarity/overlap with Special Needs Dentistry in terms of the oral care of medically complex patients.

Yours sincerely



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