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Dear Dental Board
I have worked in the medical industry for nearly 20years and much of it has been doing cosmetic medicine. I have Fellowship qualification in this area and thus believe that I have the right to make the below comments. Over the recent years I have found a number of dentists to be dabbling in the cosmetic medical area with extremely poor results. I have seen facial ptosis lasting 6 months, a couple of infections and one poor lady who had nerve damage. Yet, this is from a group of professionals who claim to know the anatomy of the face extensively. I have found there to be no informed consent given to patients and just a general lack of follow-up care. In one case a dentist was hiring a nurse to treat and thus in no way was providing a duty of care and in fact was acting illegally. Cosmetic medicine has come a long way and forms a field of medicine within itself now. A field that takes considerable extra knowledge, ongoing education and experience. Just look at my professional education bills each year that mount to tens of thousands of dollars plus the additional insurances. In addition TGA rules and regulations are harsh on medical advertising and cosmetic medicine is particularly effected, yet cosmetic injecting dentists seem to have no idea of the rules.
I am greatly concerned about this extended scope of practice into cosmetic medicine for the general public as well as the dentists who might think of it as a quick buck. It is hardly so, with all the impediments from the government, insurance companies media and other regulatory boards. It is not as glamorous on the inside as it appears on the out.
Please consider carefully before allowing dentists to enter into this field of medicine.
Thank you
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