

JOINT MEDICAL BOARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE NATIONAL BEST PRACTICE POSITION STATEMENT

Notification of Serious Disciplinary Action to Specialist Medical Colleges

Medical Board
of the ACT



Purpose

To inform Specialist Medical Colleges of Medical Board action taken against a registered medical practitioner, where the medical practitioner is known to be a fellow/member of a college.

Background

1. Committee of Presidents of Medical Colleges have asked for a standard reporting mechanism for Boards in relation to serious disciplinary action taken against College Fellows.
2. Boards have different requirements in relation to recording or registering specialist status of medical practitioners.
3. Whether a doctor who is deregistered or suspended is a Fellow of a College or not will not always be known by the Board in whose jurisdiction the disciplinary action occurs.
4. Deregistration or suspension of a practitioner is almost invariably on the public record so that there is no basis for withholding this information from an organisation such as a College, and privacy issues do not arise.

Action

Medical Boards agree to use their best endeavours to notify the relevant College of deregistration or suspension of a medical practitioner where they know or believe the practitioner to be a Fellow of the College, or where they know or believe that the practitioner is practising in the specialty covered by the College.