

## Communiqué

### Sixth meeting of the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

13 December 2011

At its sixth meeting in Melbourne, the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board) discussed a range of matters that will impact on the transition to the national registration and accreditation scheme on 1 July 2012.

This Communiqué aims to inform stakeholders of the progress in the work of the Board.

#### Update on registration standards

The Board is expecting to hear the outcomes of Ministerial Council's consideration of the Board's proposed registration standards very soon. The final standards and information about registration fees will be published on the Board's website at [www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au](http://www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au) soon after the Health Ministers' decision.

#### Registration Fees

The Board has set their standard registration fees for 2012–2013 and is now working on the fees for other categories of registration. Once these have been communicated to Ministers they will be published on the Board's website.

#### Communication with previously non-registered practitioners in NSW, SA and NT

It is important that all medical radiation practitioners are aware of new registration requirements, including the need for previously unregistered practitioners (including those working in New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern Territory) to apply for registration early in 2012.

Detailed information about the registration process will soon be published on the Board's website. Unregistered practitioners in NSW, SA and NT are encouraged to submit applications for registration prior to 31 March 2012 to allow enough time for the large volume of applications to be processed.

The Board is holding registration information sessions for NSW and South Australian practitioners in late February 2012. Bookings are essential for these sessions - please email [Akemi.Pham-Vu@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:Akemi.Pham-Vu@ahpra.gov.au) advising which session you plan to attend with the subject heading MRPBA info session.

#### New South Wales Forum

Date	Time	NSW Location	Venue
Mon 20 Feb 2012	6-8pm	Sydney Metro	TBA
Thur 23 Feb 2012	5:30pm-7:30pm 5:30pm-7:30pm	Newcastle Wollongong	John Hunter Hospital Wollongong Hospital
Fri 24 Feb 2012	5:30pm-7:30pm 5:30pm-7:30pm	Coffs Harbour Nowra	Coffs Health Campus Shoalhaven District Hospital
Mon 27 Feb 2012	5:30pm-7:30pm	Tamworth	Tamworth Base Hospital
Wed 29 Feb 2012	5:30pm-7:30pm	Wagga Wagga	Wagga Base Hospital

#### South Australia Forum

Date	Time	SA Location	Venue
Fri 24 Feb 2012	5:30pm-7:30pm	Adelaide	AHPRA office, 121 King William St
Sat 25 Feb 2012	9am-11am	Adelaide	Royal Adelaide Hospital
TBA	TBA	Port Pirie	TBA

### Communication with current registrants

The Board will be writing to every registered medical radiation practitioner in March/April 2012 in relation to the transition of all registrants into the national scheme. The letter will explain each practitioner's registration type from 1 July 2012 and explain any action required of medical radiation practitioners to ensure their smooth transition to the national scheme. The letter will detail the personal and professional information that will appear on the online national Register of Medical Radiation Practitioners.

At its December meeting the Board made a range of decisions about the transitioning process. In general, medical radiation practitioners will transition to the type of registration that best matches their current registration. While the name of some registration categories will change, the Board has no intention of changing any medical radiation practitioners' scope of practice.

## Update on codes and guidelines

The Board is currently consulting on the following registration standard:

- Supervised Practice Registration Standard

and the following guidelines:

- Advertising guidelines
- Code of conduct for registered health practitioners
- Guidelines for mandatory notifications

All documents are available at [www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au](http://www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au). The Board encourages all interested medical radiation practitioners to provide feedback on the proposed standards, codes and guidelines. Submissions are due by Close of Business (C.O.B) **9 Jan 2012**. Please email submissions to [medicalradiationconsultation@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:medicalradiationconsultation@ahpra.gov.au)

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Chair

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