

## Communiqué

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23 December 2013

### Update from the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board) met in Melbourne on 17 December. The topics discussed are outlined in this Communiqué.

#### Season's greetings

The Board would like to wish all practitioners a happy festive season. The Board reflected that 2013 had been busy with public consultations and information sessions held. The Board acknowledges the work that stakeholders have put into these consultations during the year and thanks all those who attended sessions. More information sessions are planned for 2014.



#### New professional standards for practitioners

The National Board will be publishing revised and new standards, codes and guidelines in 2014. The first lot of documents will be published in February. They are the:

- revised *Advertising guidelines*
- *Social media policy*
- revised *Mandatory reporting guidelines*, and
- revised *Code of conduct*.

These guidelines, policy and code will come in to effect in March 2014, and all registered health practitioners will need to meet these new standards. Additional information will also be published in February, explaining the similarities and differences between the current and new standards. The Board consulted widely this year on the draft versions of these documents (and continues to consult on other important documents, see the *Consultations* page on the Board website).

Much work has also gone in to making sure that the format and language used in the documents meet plain language requirements, to make it easier to access and understand the important information in them. This month we are running a series of focus groups that will test the way the documents are presented, so that we can choose a design that supports ease of reading and understanding.

More information about the revised registration standards, codes and guidelines will be published on the AHPRA and National Boards' websites in February.

### **Workforce sustainability in radiation oncology survey**

The Board agreed to provide a link to a survey by Curtin University for radiation therapists and radiation oncology medical physicists who have previous or are currently working in Australia.

The survey explores workforce sustainability and investigates the workforce patterns and issues surrounding two key radiation oncology professions in WA and Australia-wide.

<http://radoncwa.org.au/workforce/workforce-survey/>

#### **Further information from Curtin University**

*Respondents who complete surveys will be entered in a prize draw run by the research team for ten (10) fifty dollar (\$50.00) Coles Group & Myer vouchers.*

*The survey will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.*

*More information about the survey including competition Terms and Conditions and Ethics approval is available at the start of the survey.*

*If you decide to participate please use the above link to go to the survey webpage.*

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