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CORRECTION

Cosmetic Surgery Safety Conference June 2023

At the Cosmetic Surgery Safety Conference held in June 2023 in Sydney a representative of the Australian Medical Council Limited (AMC) gave a presentation about the role of the AMC in developing the Standards for Assessment and Accreditation of Cosmetic Surgery Programs of Study. Those standards have been approved by the Medical Board of Australia. Medical practitioners who successfully complete an accredited program of study (and satisfy any other requirements) are eligible to seek cosmetic surgery endorsement on their registration in accordance with the registration standard published by the Medical Board of Australia.

During the presentation the speaker made a statement to the effect that, or which indicated that, a medical practitioner wishing to perform cosmetic surgery in the future would need to have an endorsement under the registration standard on their registration.

This statement is not correct. An endorsement is not a mandatory requirement for a registered medical practitioner (specialist or general registration) to be permitted to perform cosmetic surgery.

The AMC apologises for any confusion or misunderstanding the statement caused.

Further information on who may perform cosmetic surgery, the registration standard, and endorsement may be found on the websites of the Medical Board of Australia and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

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