



INTERIM POLICY

Use of *Botulinum Toxin*

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Authority

This Interim Policy has been developed by the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) under section 39 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* (National Law) as in force in each state and territory.

Background

The issues surrounding the use of *botulinum toxin* and dermal fillers are complex and the regulatory environment that existed across states and territories prior to the commencement of the national registration and accreditation scheme varied. The Board continues to examine these issues further within its mandate of public protection, however the Board has agreed, as an interim measure, to release this policy.

The Board recognizes that in some jurisdictions *botulinum toxin* could be used by registered dentists for the treatment of *Temporomandibular joint disorder/dysfunction*.

Policy

The Board supports the use of *botulinum toxin* by registered dentists with education, training and competence for the treatment of *Temporomandibular joint disorder/dysfunction*.