



Communiqué

April 2016

The 73rd meeting of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) was held on Friday 29 April in the National Office of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) in Melbourne.

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's meeting as well as other important information.

We publish this communiqué on our website and email it to a broad range of stakeholders. We encourage you to distribute it widely to colleagues and interested parties. This includes distributing it to the different levels in the organisation that you work in.

Acupuncture

We have updated our policy on acupuncture.

The Board's policy position has not changed. A dental practitioner wishing to use the protected title *acupuncturist* must apply to the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (CMBA) for registration in the division of acupuncture.

The revised policy is published [here](#).

Infection prevention and control and risk assessment

We held a webinar to coincide with this meeting to inform the review of our Guidelines on infection control. National Board members were joined by registration and notification committee members as well as AHPRA staff from around the country.

The webinar provided members with an opportunity to discuss the broader infection prevention and control policy context and then how this applies in the dental context.

We recognise that there are a number of standards related to infection prevention and control that apply to dental practice and that these are set by different organisations

The aim of the review of the current Dental Board of Australia guideline will be to enable and encourage a risk-based approach to infection prevention and control that acknowledges the different oral health care provided across a range of clinical settings by dental practitioners.

We will consult widely as this review progresses.

Dental Registration Statistics

The most recent quarterly registration data has been [published on our website](#). The format of this report has changed, the content remains the same.

Are your contact details up to date?

Throughout the year we need to send you important information related to your registration as well as newsletters to help dental practitioners understand what we expect of them.

So that you receive this information you need to check that we have your correct contact details.

You can check your details via the Login icon at the top right of the AHPRA website.

Email accounts need to be set to receive communications from AHPRA and the Board to avoid misdirection to an account junk box.

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