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Dear Vanessa,

Re: Proposed standards for anaesthesia

About the New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists (NZSA)

The NZSA is a professional medical education society which represents over 750 anaesthetists in New Zealand. Our members include specialist anaesthetists in public and private practice, and trainee anaesthetists. Our key roles are advocacy, facilitating and promoting education, and strengthening networks of anaesthetists nationwide.

Overview

The NZSA welcomes the opportunity to submit on the above ANZCA proposed standards for anaesthesia. We support the proposed standards and the role this will provide in clearly outlining identified standards as a benchmark of quality patient care.

Comments

The main suggestion from NZSA is that these standards should include a reference to the importance of professional citizenship, and the need to fulfil roles within the college and other professional organisations and societies. This is crucial to ensure a collective approach to quality of care for patients and the profession within Australia and New Zealand.

Our proposed inclusion would be along these lines: Anaesthetists provide leadership roles within their College and other National Societies/Bodies to maintain the strength of the anaesthesia profession in Australia and New Zealand. They work collaboratively to ensure the standards of anaesthesia are achieved and built upon to ensure safety for those requiring anaesthetic care.

This would sit nicely in any of the following:

Standard 1 - Aspects of Anaesthesia Care within

1.2 Leadership and teams.

1.6 ANZCA roles including advocacy

Or (preferred) a new 1.8 Professional citizenship/community

5.2 Support for CPD

We have provided a few additional comments on the feedback framework attached.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please do get in touch if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely, ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheila", is positioned above the printed name.

Dr Sheila Hart
NZSA President