

## Communiqué: Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

### April 2019 meeting

The 84<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 23 April 2019 in Melbourne.

This communiqué provides details on the main decisions made at the meeting. It is also published on the Board's website and an announcement via email is sent to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward the communiqué to colleagues who may be interested in the Board's work.

### Meeting with Chinese Medicine Council of NSW 4 April 2019 (Sydney)

The Deputy Chair, Dr David Graham, and the Board's executive Officer, Debra Gillick, recently visited the Chinese Medicine Council of NSW. In the spirit of partnership, they discussed the need for relevant information exchange processes in the public interest.

### Launch of AHPRA WHO Collaborating Centre, Canberra, 5 April 2019

Two members of the Board, the Chair and Deputy Chair, attended the formal launch of the World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Health Workforce Regulation in Canberra on 5 April 2019. About 80 people attended the event, which included speeches from Professor Vivian Lin (Former Director, Health Systems Division, Western Pacific Region of the WHO and former CMBA member) and Dr Heather Buchan, Senior Medical Advisory from the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Healthcare.

AHPRA CEO Martin Fletcher announced the involvement of the Council for Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) in the Collaborative Network of Health Workforce Regulators in the Western Pacific Region. This is an excellent opportunity to draw upon the expertise of CLEAR in the dialogue within the collaborative network that promotes good regulatory practice in the region.

### National Scheme news

#### Practitioners' responsibility to support public health programs

Australia's health regulators have reminded health practitioners about their responsibility to support public health programs, including vaccination.

Regulators have spoken out to support public safety, given mounting concerns about a five year high in measles cases and an early spike in flu cases this year.

AHPRA and the National Boards including CMBA have urged more than 740,000 registered health practitioners to take seriously their responsibilities for public health, including by helping patients to be protected from preventable illnesses.

AHPRA CEO Martin Fletcher reminded practitioners that supporting public health programs, including vaccination and immunisation, and not promoting anti-vaccination views were regulatory responsibilities.

'Registered health practitioners have a regulatory responsibility to support patients to understand the evidence-based information available,' Mr Fletcher said.

National Boards set codes, standards and guidelines, including about protecting and promoting the health of individuals and the community, which they expect registered health practitioners to meet. Read the [full media release](#).

### Updating your contact details

To check or update the contact details you have lodged with AHPRA, access the online services panel for practitioners on the [home page](#) of the Board's website and click *Update your contact details*. Enter your user ID, date of birth and password (please note that your user ID is not your registration number). If you can't remember your user ID or password, [contact us online](#), or phone 1300 419 495 for help.

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### Important information for practitioners

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For more details or help with questions about your registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Scheme, refer to information published on [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) or [contact AHPRA](#), send an [online enquiry form](#) or call on 1300 419 495.

### Distinguished Professor Charlie C. Xue

**Chair  
Chinese Medicine Board of Australia**

23 April 2019

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*\*Except in NSW and QLD, which have co-regulatory arrangements.*