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Presenter	Transcript
<p>Professor Danform Lim - Chair</p>	<p>Congratulations, you're about to become a registered Chinese medicine practitioner and join a profession which has evolved over more than two thousand years. Chinese medicine is now used across the world.</p> <p>In Australia, Chinese medicine is an important allied health profession in the health care system. The Board's role is to protect the public by regulating Chinese medicine practitioners.</p> <p>We make sure that only suitably trained and qualified people are registered as Chinese medicine practitioners in Australia so that patients can be confident that they will receive quality and safe health care.</p> <p>However, health care is complex and not risk free. A variety of adverse outcomes can occur. The Board uses the information from the notification process to learn about and minimise further such events for the benefit of the public.</p>
<p>Bing Tian, Practitioner Member</p>	<p>To become a registered Chinese medicine practitioner, you need to prove you're suitably trained, qualified and safe to practise the profession. In addition to graduating, you need to meet the Registration Standards for Chinese medicine. For graduates, that includes: Criminal history, Professional Indemnity Insurance and English language skills.</p> <p>You can find out more about these on the Ahpra graduate applications page, which includes a video on the graduate registration process.</p> <p>When you apply for registration you must indicate the divisions of registration that you're eligible for: Acupuncturist, Chinese herbal medicine practitioner and Chinese herbal dispenser.</p>
<p>Stephanie Campbell, Community Member</p>	<p>Being a registered practitioner means that you are expected to behave professionally and always provide safe and appropriate, patient-centred care. The Code of Conduct provides guidance about expected standards for practitioner behaviour.</p> <p>The Professional capabilities for Chinese medicine practitioners identify the knowledge, skills and professional attributes needed to safely and competently practise.</p> <p>Being a registered practitioner means maintaining these professional capabilities by engaging in reflective, lifelong learning. You'll need to complete Continuing Professional Development annually to ensure your skills and knowledge are up to date.</p>

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Ahpra and the National Boards regulate these registered health professions: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice, Chinese medicine, chiropractic, dental, medical, medical radiation practice, midwifery, nursing, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, paramedicine, pharmacy, physiotherapy, podiatry and psychology.

	<p>CPD is an important part of providing safe and effective Chinese medicine care it helps maintain, improve and broaden your knowledge, expertise and competence and it helps you develop professional qualities required throughout your professional life.</p>
Rod Martin, Practitioner Member	<p>The Board is comprised of members whose experience crosses the spectrum of Chinese medicine practice, and also has community representation. Board members are appointed by the Health Ministers.</p> <p>The Board sets minimum standards for safe practice – public protection is paramount. Regulation helps the public have trust and confidence in the Chinese medicine profession, in turn enhancing the profession’s reputation.</p> <p>The professional associations provide support to their members; advancement of the profession and advocacy; and provide CPD training and courses.</p> <p>While the role of the professional associations is to advocate for and promote the Chinese medicine profession, the focus of the Board is on ensuring the well-being of the patient. However, while approaching from different perspectives, both the regulator and the associations have a common objective, that is, that patients receive quality and safe health care.</p>
Professor Danforn Lim, Chair	<p>We know the COVID-19 pandemic continues to present unique challenges for Chinese medicine practitioners. Ahpra and the Board are working together to apply regulatory requirements in a flexible manner to respond to the unique circumstances caused by the pandemic.</p>
Professor Danforn Lim, Chair	<p>Stay connected with the Board by reading our newsletter, communiques and checking our website for updates. On the website you’ll find more information on the registration standards, codes and guidelines that will apply to you as a registered practitioner.</p> <p>For information on the registration application process, including tips on how to avoid common causes of delay, check out the graduate registration section on the Ahpra website.</p> <p>We wish you a very satisfying career in Chinese medicine.</p>