

## Communiqué

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The 56th meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 26 July 2016 in Melbourne.

This communiqué provides key 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 work of the Board.

### Quick Reference Guide for Chinese herbal medicine guidelines

The Board has developed a *Quick Reference Guide for the Guidelines for safe Chinese herbal medicine practice*. These guidelines come into effect from 12 November 2017. The guide contains information to remind you, as a Chinese medicine practitioner, of the key aspects of the guideline on Chinese herbal medicine practice. It will be published on the Board's website in English and in Chinese in August 2016. It is intended for the public as well as practitioners and you are encouraged to display it in your clinic.

### New guidelines for patient health records

Following wide consultation, the Board has published new guidelines for creating and maintaining health records. Chinese medicine practitioners need to know and understand [Guidelines: Patient health records](#) to ensure their practices meet National Board expectations. More information is available under the [news section](#) of the Board's website.

### News from AHPRA

We work in partnership with AHPRA and the other thirteen National Boards to deliver the [National Scheme](#).

While we publish [news](#) specific to our work in regulating Chinese medicine practitioners, AHPRA [publishes](#) updates on work from across the National Scheme. This includes communiqués from key meetings with government and other stakeholders.

We encourage you to review these from time to time. You are also able to subscribe to the AHPRA newsletter by [registering here](#).

### Call for applications for appointment to the Scheduled Medicines Expert Committee

AHPRA and 14 health profession boards (National Boards), work together to deliver the National Registration and Accreditation scheme.

AHPRA is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced persons to be appointed to a Scheduled Medicines Expert Committee (the Expert Committee).

The role of the Expert Committee is to advise the National Boards on policy related to the use of scheduled medicines, including matters relevant to National Boards developing submissions for endorsements for scheduled medicines for consideration by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council.

Appointments are for a period of up to three years and are expected to start in late September 2016.

Applications close Monday 22 August 2016.

For more information on the role and the application process, you can download the application guide and application forms from the [AHPRA website](#).

## New quarterly performance reports available

The January to March 2016 quarterly performance reports for AHPRA and the National Boards are now available.

The reports, which are part of an ongoing drive by AHPRA and the National Boards to increase their accountability and transparency, include data specific to each state and territory.

Each report covers AHPRA and the National Boards' main areas of activity:

- managing applications for registration as a health practitioner
- managing notifications about the health, performance and conduct of registered health practitioners and offences against the National Law, and
- monitoring health practitioners and students with restrictions on their registration.

The reports are available on the AHPRA website's [Statistics](#) page.

To provide feedback on the reports please email: [reportingfeedback@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:reportingfeedback@ahpra.gov.au).

## 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 homepage 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 don't remember your user ID or password, contact us online or phone 1300 419 495 for help.

## Follow @AHPRA on Twitter

AHPRA uses Twitter to encourage a greater overall response to National Board consultations and to host regular Twitter chats on important topics.

## Important information for practitioners

The Board publishes a range of information about registration, including its expectations of practitioners, at [www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au](http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au).

For more details or help with questions about your registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Registration and Accreditation 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.

## Professor Charlie C Xue

Chair, Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

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*The Chinese Medicine Board of Australia is the regulator of Chinese medicine practitioners in Australia and acts to protect the public by ensuring that suitably qualified and competent Chinese medicine practitioners are registered. The Board is responsible for developing registration standards, codes and guidelines for Chinese medicine practitioners and managing notifications (complaints)\* about Chinese medicine practitioners and Chinese medicine students. The Board does this through its powers under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory, and the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, supported by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). The Board's work in regulating Australia's Chinese medicine practitioners in the public interest is underpinned by regulatory principles, which encourage a responsive, risk-based approach to regulation.*

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