



Communiqué

The May meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 24 May 2013 at the AHPRA National Office in Melbourne.

This communiqué highlights key issues from this meeting.

At each meeting, the National Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

The National Board publishes this communiqué on its website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward it on to colleagues and employees who may be interested in the work of the National Board.

Standards, guidelines and codes

The National Board continues its work in reviewing its registration standards and supporting guidelines. The criminal history and English language skills registration standards are well advanced and work is also well underway on the standards for continuing professional development, professional indemnity insurance and recency of practice. The National Board hopes to be consulting on these standards progressively over the coming months.

Current consultation

In conjunction with other National Boards, the National Board is currently consulting on the following documents: *Guidelines for advertising*, the proposed *Social media policy*, and revised *Guidelines for mandatory notifications and revised Code of Conduct for Chiropractors*. The consultation period is open until 30 May 2012 and the documents can be found under the [news tab on the National Board's website](#).

The National Board welcomes all feedback on these documents.

Evidence-based practice (EBP)

The National Board confirmed their commitment to ensuring that chiropractors conduct their professional practice in an evidence-based manner. Evidence-based practice (EBP) is also known as evidence-informed practice, evidence-based treatment, evidence-based healthcare, and even evidence-influenced practice. Regardless of the name, as it relates to clinical decision-making by chiropractors, the proper integration of three elements is critical. These elements are:

1. the best available evidence
2. the clinical expertise of the practitioner, and
3. the patient's values and expectations.

The National Board have to date used the term 'evidence informed practice' but has determined to move to the use of the more explicit term '**evidence-based practice**' and produce some supportive material for practitioners on evidence based practice.

Community Reference Group

The National Board noted the appointment of the [community reference group](#). The group is an important addition to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme in that it will advise AHPRA and the National Boards on ways to engage more effectively with communities. The group has its first meeting in early June.

Conclusion

The National Board publishes a range of information about registration and the National Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at www.chiropracticboard.gov.au or www.ahpra.gov.au.

For more detail or with questions about your registration please send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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