



## Communiqué

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### August 2016 meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia

The Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

The Board meets each month to consider and decide on any matters related to its regulatory function within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

This communiqué aims to inform stakeholders of the work of the Board. Please forward it on to colleagues and employees who may be interested in its content.

#### **National Registration and Accreditation Scheme 2016 combined meeting**

The National Board meeting was held on 26 August to coincide with the annual National Registration and Accreditation Scheme combined meeting where entities within the scheme got together to discuss the focus for the next 12 months.

During the meeting the Board also hosted a presentation with the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA) and met with members of the Chiropractic Board of New Zealand.

#### **Education Forum**

On 23 July, the Board, in conjunction with CCEA, hosted a forum for chiropractic educators and professional bodies on professionalism in chiropractic.

Professor Charlotte Rees, who is currently Director of Health PEER and Director of Medicine Curriculum at Monash University, delivered a very informative key note presentation, and other supporting presentations included topics on professionalism in a regulatory context and an outcome-focused accreditation process, which informed considerable and productive discussions at the subsequent workshop sessions.

#### **Advertising forum**

On 28 July the Board and AHPRA hosted a forum on advertising by chiropractors for a wide range of invited stakeholders including professional bodies, community groups and representatives of the AHPRA community reference group.

The goal was to gain a deeper understanding of views and issues associated with advertising by chiropractors, and by extension other health professions, and to consider how different stakeholders could work together to improve the quality of advertising by chiropractors.

The communiqué on the event released by the Board and AHPRA can be found on the [Board's website](#).

#### **National Boards and AHPRA host research summit**

The 2016 Research Summit hosted by the 14 National Boards and AHPRA was attended by more than 220 delegates who gathered together to talk about the next frontier for developing our partnership's evidence-base to improve the way we regulate.

The theme of the summit was *'patient safety through risk-based regulation'*, and presenters discussed a range of topics. At the heart of the discussion was how to contribute to safer care for patients and health consumers. Also discussed was how data collection and evaluation can help find new and innovative ways to improve regulatory processes for health practitioners and the public.

The inaugural summit provided an opportunity for the exchange of expertise and ideas between regulatory staff, experts in safety and quality in healthcare, health practitioners and leading health and medical researchers.

Read more in the [media release](#) about the summit which was held on 25 August.

### Top tips for using the register

The [register of practitioners](#) is core to the work of AHPRA and the National Boards because it provides up-to-date information about every registered health practitioner, including chiropractors. To help the public and employers get the most out of the register, we have developed [these tips](#). In particular, the tips remind anyone responsible for recruiting health practitioners how to use the register to verify a practitioner's registration status.

### Are your contact details up-to-date?

It is important that your contact details are up to date to receive renewal reminders from AHPRA and information from the Board. You can check your details via the [Login icon](#) at the top right of the AHPRA website. Email accounts need to be set to receive communications from AHPRA and the Board to avoid misdirection to an account junk box.

### 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](http://www.chiropracticboard.gov.au) or [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au).

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

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