

## Statement from Medical Board of Australia

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### Board endorses doctors giving dietary advice

Informed community debate about public health issues is vital.

The Medical Board of Australia today reinforced its expectation that registered medical practitioners provide appropriate dietary advice to patients, when this is indicated.

The Board holds all registered medical practitioners to account against the professional standards it sets, including in [\*Good Medical Practice – A code of conduct for doctors in Australia\*](#).

This includes explicit standards in relation to public health and doctors' responsibility to promote the health of the community through disease prevention and control and screening (see section 5.4). This includes providing appropriate dietary advice, when this is indicated.

Any decision the Board makes to restrict an individual doctor's registration in some way, reflect the specific facts and circumstances of that case.

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