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Dear Dr Flynn,

Re: AMC accreditation in the discipline/specialty of Cosmetic Medical Practice

I lend my total support in respect of your College seeking accreditation by the AMC. As a registered Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon and immediate past President of The Australasian Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons I hereby state that there is an entity within the scope of our specialty that is described as 'Maxillofacial Aesthetic Surgery'. While not describing myself as a Cosmetic Surgeon it is accepted that patients may seek treatment from myself or other Oral and Maxillofacial colleagues for either functional or cosmetic reasons. Since the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery encompasses surgery of the face, jaws and neck it is routine that patients desire to use our specialty skills.

The descriptor, 'Maxillofacial Aesthetic Surgery' is a component of the definition of the scope of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery as defined by The International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Cosmetic procedures that may be taught in surgical training or as a Fellowship include but not limited to:

- Corrective Jaw Surgery
- Chin and Cheekbone Surgery
- Facial Implants
- Liposuction to the neck
- Cervico-facial rhytidectomy

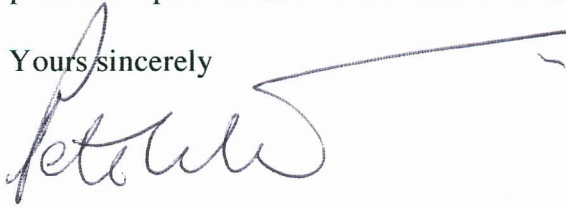
I do not believe that any one group has the sole right to trade exclusively on the premise that they 'own' aesthetic surgery. I say this because over 25 years I have trained all manner and types of surgeons, including Plastic, ENT, General and Cosmetic Surgeons. I do not possess an FRACS because Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery has its association with The Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons.

I personally get referred many patients from other disciplines who seek my expertise since the skill-set required to treat the patient is outside of their comfort zone. If there is opposition to AMC accreditation of Cosmetic Medical Practice it will inevitably come from other Colleges or Professional societies who seek monopoly control. This will not help patients and be anti-competitive.

- Dr Peter Vickers
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon
- Dr Michael Cooper
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- Dr Paul G Hammans
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- Dr Barry Gaudry
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- Dr Peter D Cannon
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- Dr John McHugh
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In summary I am totally supportive of The Australian College of Cosmetic Surgery seeking AMC accreditation for recognition of the specialty of Cosmetic Medical Practice. By creating a framework where doctors from all disciplines (including FRACS holders) can submit their credentials will raise the bar in respect of training standards and lead to better patient outcomes. I enclose my CV and would be happy to support this letter with a personal representation to the AMC accreditation board.

Yours sincerely



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