



Health and Disability Commissioner
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Dear Dr Fleming

Thank you for forwarding me copies of your correspondence with the Medical Council of New Zealand. I note that the Medical Council has agreed to remove the statement which you opposed.

I have written to the Medical Council recommending that they list the surgical scopes of practice that are recognised as being able to perform category 1 procedures, as this is an issue that consumers often find confusing. I note that the final paragraph under category 1 (top of page 3) specifically notes that other doctors will be able to perform category 1 procedures if they are in a collegial relationship. In my view, the guide will address the common misperception that only plastic surgeons are able to perform category 1 cosmetic procedures.

Thank you for keeping me informed of your correspondence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ron Paterson'.

Ron Paterson
Health and Disability Commissioner