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RANZCO submission to consultation: Public and stakeholder feedback on pharmacist prescribing

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO) welcomes the opportunity to comment on consultation: Public and stakeholder feedback on pharmacist prescribing.

RANZCO's mission is to drive improvements in eye health care in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia Pacific Region through continuing exceptional training, education, research and advocacy. Underpinning all of the College's work is a commitment to best patient outcomes, providing contemporary education, training and continuing professional development, evidence-based decision making, collaboration and collegiality.

In many cases pharmacists do not have the equipment or skill to be able to determine the appropriateness of prescription medications used in ophthalmology. The Pharmacy Board of Australia's discussion paper refers to education and training considerations however, RANZCO does not support pharmacist prescribing for ophthalmic medications as medical training cannot be condensed into a pharmacy education program or scheduled endorsement.

Should you require any clarification regarding this matter, please contact RANZCO Policy Officer, Stephanie Mulholland, at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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