



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

***The following is a statement on behalf of the Australasian College of Podiatric Surgeons (ACPS or College)***

Podiatric surgeons are highly qualified practitioners who undergo years of specialist training and are regulated by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Tens of thousands of Australians benefit from our specialist care. Registered podiatric surgeons have been appropriately using the title “Podiatric surgeon” since it was approved by the Ministerial Council under the National Law in 2010.

All surgical colleges and cohorts must, from time to time, deal with circumstances in which patients are unsatisfied with outcomes. This is part and parcel of the profession and has nothing to do with what title a person may carry. There are strict processes to follow in such circumstances, and our College adheres to these processes.

The College has recently had a change of leadership which is entirely normal for all professional organisations.

The ACPS will not comment on historical matters or individual cases, nor interrogate them through the media. We focus instead on the well-established and credentialed standing of our cohort. We are actively participating in the current independent review and look forward to the recommendations particularly in the context of AHPRA regulations.

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