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ASAR Submission: MRPB draft Guidelines for Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

ASAR provides accreditation for ultrasound education programs in Australia and maintains a register of accredited and student sonographers. Accredited Sonographers have the option of participating in ASAR's CPD program or another CPD program recognised by ASAR to fulfill their CPD obligations and maintain their status on the Registry.

The ASAR Council recently discussed the implications for those Sonographers employed as Medical Imaging Technologists within the public system, with the inclusion of Medical Radiation Practitioners in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

Some of the affected Sonographers have contacted ASAR to voice concerns that under the new scheme, they may be required to participate in two separate CPD Programs and obtain CPD points over and above that required for accreditation with ASAR.

Council will inform the affected Sonographers that they are required to comply with the requirements set forth by the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (MRPB).

Council notes that page 5 of the MRPB draft Guidelines for CPD states that practitioners who participate in a CPD program offered by a professional association or other body and approved by the Board can use evidence of completion of the requirements of that program to meet the requirements of the MRPB CPD program.

In light of this, the ASAR Council seeks recognition of the ASAR CPD program by MRPB so that evidence of completion of the ASAR CPD program can be used to fulfill MRPB CPD requirements.

Detailed information on the ASAR CPD Program is available from the ASAR website:

<http://www.asar.com.au/cpd/asar-cpd-program>

ASAR would be grateful for advice as to the process and timeframe for applying for recognition of the ASAR CPD program.

Please direct all communication on this matter to: Liane Walters, Executive Officer via email:

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