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Q1

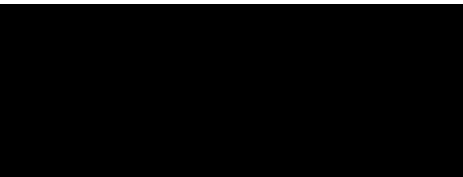
First name

Lydia

Q2

Last name

Chan



Q4

New Zealand

Are you primarily based in New Zealand or overseas?

Q5

Company/organisation name

Waikato DHB

Q6

Other (please specify):
Dermatologist with interest in oral medicine

In what capacity are you making this submission?

Page 3: About your submission

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What is your profession?

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

Please enter your Dental Council Person ID, if applicable

Page 4: Proposed registration pathways

Q9 Yes

Do you believe the proposed changes will help reduce barriers to registration for suitably trained overseas practitioners?

Q10

Please tell us why:

Removes extra barriers for practitioners from comparable health systems

Page 5: Introduction of the proposed 'Competent authority - registration' pathway

Q11 No opinion/NA

Do you support the introduction of the 'Competent authority - registration' pathway?Click to learn more about the proposed pathway

Q12 Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

Page 6: Introduction of the proposed 'Comparable health system' pathway

Q13 No opinion/NA

Do you support the introduction of the 'Comparable health system' pathway for dentists?Click to learn more about the proposed pathway

Q14 Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

Page 7: Introduction of the proposed 'Teaching and research' pathway

Q15 No opinion/NA

Do you support the introduction of the 'Teaching and research' pathway?Click to learn more about the proposed pathway

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

Page 9: Proposed removal of requirement for a medical degree for oral medicine specialist registration

Q17

Oppose

Do you support removing the requirement for a medical degree for oral medicine specialist registration in New Zealand, subject to the relevant medical training and clinical experiences being embedded into the specialist training programme? Click to learn more about the proposed changes.

Q18

Please tell us why:

The very title "oral medicine" specifies that practitioners should be practicing medicine, for which they should require medical training

I am a consultant dermatologist based in Waikato. We unfortunately do not have direct access to an oral medicine service here. My colleagues and I manage many patients with mucocutaneous disease who would otherwise benefit from oral medicine input.

During my registrar training I was fortunate to attend oral medicine clinics over a six month period.

Dermatology and oral medicine are closely aligned disciplines. This training experience highlighted just how similar we are in investigational and management frameworks. My personal experience was that oral medicine appeared a truly blended discipline, firmly rooted in both medical and dental models, mainly as my supervisors were dual trained in both.

I would welcome oral medicine colleagues who could share our tricky mucocutaneous caseload. However, the diagnostic reasoning, investigation and management I saw from my own medical standpoint depended as much on medical competencies as dental ones. While medical competencies can be taught in other settings, consolidation and application remain critical to safeguarding patient care / outcomes and this would need to be very carefully constructed and monitored.

Page 10: Proposed removal of requirement to register in dental technology before registering in CDT

Q19

No opinion/NA

Do you support removing the requirement to register in dental technology before registering in clinical dental technology? Click to learn more about the proposed changes.

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

Page 11: Proposed changes to the New Zealand registration examination requirements

Q21

No opinion/NA

Do you support the proposed changes to the New Zealand registration examination requirements? Click to learn more about the proposed changes.

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

Page 12: Proposed administrative changes to the prescribed qualifications

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the proposed administrative changes to prescribed qualifications for any of the scopes of practice, as reflected in the draft Gazette notices?

Q24

Please tell us your feedback. When discussing multiple scopes, please indicate clearly which scope of practice you are referring to in your comment.

nil

Page 13: Proposed fees for the new registration pathways

Q25

No opinion/NA

Do you find the proposed fees for the new registration pathways reasonable? Proposed fee notice

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why or why not?

Page 14: Thank you for your time

Q27

Is there any additional feedback you would like to share on the consultation?

Would like to stress that the breadth and depth of medical training serves to make a better oral medicine clinician and to lose this would severely limit the scope and practice of oral medicine in a country where these specialists are rare and in high demand.
