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Via email scott.willis@australian.physio

Re: Australian College of Physiotherapists to award the title of Doctor

Dear Scott,

Thank you for your letter advising that the Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA) Board of Directors has passed a resolution for the Australian College of Physiotherapists to award the title of Doctor to any member who has successfully completed the Fellowship Program.

The Board understands that you are advising that this change will result in a physiotherapist who successfully completes the Fellowship Program being awarded the following credentials:

"Dr P Smith, Specialist Musculoskeletal Physiotherapist (as awarded by the Australian College of Physiotherapists in 2008)"

Previously, those who completed the Fellowship Program were credentialed as: "Mr/Mrs/Ms P Smith, Specialist Musculoskeletal Physiotherapist (as awarded by the Australian College of Physiotherapists in 2008)"

If applied as described, this expression of title remains consistent with the advertising guidelines under the National Law. The requirement under the National Law is to be clear with the public that the practitioner is not claiming to be a medical doctor.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely



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