

18 January 2022

Media Statement

Dr Alireza Fallahi

The Medical Council has imposed conditions on the medical registration of Dr Alireza Fallahi effective from 18 January 2022 following a decision by a s.150 (urgent interim action) panel.

The Medical Council has taken this action to protect the health and safety of the public and to maintain public confidence in the medical profession. The Council does not have the legal power to cancel a NSW medical practitioner's registration.

The conditions imposed on Dr Alireza Fallahi's medical registration include requirements to:

- practise under direct (category A) supervision for all cosmetic surgery procedures
 - o review and discuss his practice with his supervisor with a particular focus on:
 - Medical records
 - Consent
 - Patient selection
 - Surgical technique
 - Complications and outcomes of all cosmetic surgery procedures
- practise under category B supervision for all non-surgical medical practice
 - o review and discuss his practice with his supervisor with a particular focus on:
 - Clinical matters
 - Ethical matters
 - Consent process
 - Professionalism
- provide the Medical Council with a monthly record of all cosmetic surgery procedures performed.

The detailed conditions are publicly available on the <u>Australian Register of Health Practitioners</u>. The Council will also be referring the practitioner to the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission for investigation as is required by law. The Commission has the power to make an application for disciplinary action against medical practitioners in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT).

By law, the Council cannot release any further details about this decision, including the reasons or any details about the complaints that were the genesis for this regulatory action. The Council will not be making any further public comments at this time.

Background

The Medical Council works in collaboration with the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission to receive and manage complaints about registered doctors and medical students in NSW. The Council's paramount legal obligation is to protect the health and safety of the NSW public. It

regulates doctors whose conduct, performance or health may represent a risk to the public or is not in the public interest.

We do this by assessing complaints, promoting compliance with professional standards and delivering programs to ensure doctors provide safe care to their patients. This can include, for example, placing conditions on a doctor's practice to support them to meet expected professional performance standards or ethical conduct the community expects. These conditions are not intended to be punitive but to protect public health and safety and to support community trust and confidence in the NSW medical profession.

Please attribute to a spokesperson for the Medical Council of NSW.