

Statement by Medical Council of NSW re Dr Richard Reid 7 July 2017

The Medical Council, together with the Health Care Complaints Commission, receives and manages complaints about registered doctors practising in NSW. The paramount concern of both regulatory agencies is the protection of the health and safety of the public.

Dr Richard Reid is a registered obstetrician and gynaecologist working in NSW with restrictions on his practice of medicine imposed on his registration by the Medical Council. The current conditions include a prohibition on performing any surgical procedures, other than minor gynaecological operations which require nothing more than the use of local anaesthetic.

The full set of conditions imposed on Dr Reid by the Council is publicly available online from the national health practitioner register held by the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#).

The Council is actively monitoring Dr Reid to ensure he complies with the current conditions imposed on his medical registration.

In a separate process, the Council is aware the Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC) is prosecuting complaints made against Dr Reid in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

The Council will not be commenting on any disciplinary or civil proceedings regarding Dr Reid's medical practice or conduct at this time.

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

NOTE

Decisions regarding the legal use of medical products/medicines in Australia (such as the pelvic mesh product used by Dr Reid) are made by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

Authority to remove a medical practitioner from the national register is the prerogative of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal following a successful prosecution by the HCCC.