

22 March 2018

Dr William Wall Warner Mooney

The NSW Medical Council has imposed further conditions on the registration of Bondi Junction ear nose and throat surgeon **Dr William Wall Warner Mooney.**

Effective from 21 March 2018, Dr Mooney is restricted from performing certain types of surgery, required to have a professional mentor and must submit to an audit of his medical practice.

Dr Mooney is not permitted to perform the following frontal and ethmoidal sinus procedures:

- external fronto-nasal ethmoidectomy
- radical fronto-ethmoidectomy
- intranasal operation on the frontal sinus or ethmoidal sinuses
- · catheterisation of frontal sinus
- trephine of frontal sinus
- radical obliteration of frontal sinus
- external operation on the ethmoidal sinuses
- transorbital ligation of the ethmoidal artery or arteries
- removal of nasal polyp or polypi.

Dr Mooney's registration was already subject to other conditions, which continue. Those conditions do not relate to clinical practice and are private.

All conditions on Dr Mooney's registration will remain in place until further notice, while an investigation is conducted by the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission.

The Council has advised the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) of the new conditions on Dr Mooney's registration. The full text of the conditions will be published on the national Register of Practitioners.

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

Background

Under section 150 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NSW), the Medical Council can take immediate action to suspend or impose restrictions on a NSW doctor's registration.

An action under section 150 is an interim measure to protect the health or safety of the public pending the outcome of other formal inquiries, investigations or an appeal.

While conditions on a practitioner's registration are generally published on the <u>national register</u>, Council s.150 hearings to consider the need for immediate action are not public, nor can the reasons for decisions published.