

6 June 2018

Dr William Wall Warner Mooney

The NSW Medical Council has imposed a range of stringent conditions on the medical registration of Dr William Wall Warner Mooney, after it considered his recent application for a review of his section 150 suspension. Whilst he may now work as a doctor, these conditions are designed to protect Dr Mooney's patients and the public generally. The conditions have been effective from 3 June 2019.

The Council remains concerned about Dr Mooney's ability to practice surgery safely while unsupervised.

Accordingly:

- Dr Mooney may not conduct most surgeries;
- Other surgeries which he is permitted to undertake may be performed only under the direct observation of a specialist supervisor approved by the Council.
- Dr Mooney must meet with his specialist surgical supervisor each fortnight who will report back to Council each month.
- Dr Mooney may conduct consultations, again under supervision by a specialist medical practitioner who will ensure Dr Mooney understands relevant professional obligations and report accordingly to the Council.

The Council has advised the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) of the new conditions on Dr Mooney's registration. The full list of public conditions will be made available on AHPRA's [national Register of Practitioners](#) within 48 hours.

All conditions on Dr Mooney's registration will remain in place until further notice, pending investigation by the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission and the outcome of any disciplinary or related judicial proceedings.

The Council will therefore not be making any further public comments at this time.

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

Background

Under section 150 of the National Health Practitioner Law, the NSW 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.

A medical practitioner may seek a review of a Council section 150 decision to impose conditions or suspension of their registration.

While conditions on a practitioner's registration are generally published on the [national register](#), Council s.150 hearings (including s.150A applications for review by practitioners) are not public, nor can the reasons for decisions published.

NOTE: The Council does not have the legal power to cancel the registration of a NSW medical practitioner. This can only be ordered by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal following a disciplinary hearing and prosecution conducted by the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission.