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Media Statement Dr Charles Teo

The NSW Medical Council is aware of considerable media and public speculation regarding Sydney neurosurgeon, Dr Charles Teo.

The Council confirms it has asked Dr Teo to attend an immediate action panel. By law, the Council cannot release any further details about the matter.

The Medical Council will not be making any further statements while it is in discussions with Dr Teo and any potential regulatory action is being considered. This is to protect the integrity of the processes that the Council applies in all cases and to ensure procedural fairness is extended to Dr Teo.

Background

The Medical Council works in collaboration with the co-regulator, the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC) to receive and manage complaints about doctors and medical students in NSW. The Council's paramount obligation is to protect the public by ensuring doctors practise safely and in accordance with professional standards expected of them by the community.

The Council deals with individual doctors whose conduct, performance or health may represent a risk to the public and works with them, where possible, to reduce that risk by for example, placing conditions on their medical registration.

The NSW Medical Council does not have punitive powers and cannot de-register a medical practitioner.

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