

Register of practitioners

Health Practitioner: Dr Tania Louise Ash

Personal Details

Sex: Female

Languages (in addition to English):

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery, University of Melbourne, Australia, 1994
- Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Australia, 2001

Principal Place of Practice

Suburb: MALVERN

State: VIC

Postcode: 3144

Country: Australia

Registration Details

Profession: Medical Practitioner

Registration number: MED0001156921

Date of first Registration in Profession: 12/12/1994

Registration status: Registered

Registration expiry date:

Under the National Law, registrants are able to practise while their renewal application is being processed. Practitioners also remain registered for one month after their registration expiry date. If the practitioner's name appears on the Register, they are registered and can practise (excepting practitioners with a Registration Type of 'non-practising' or those with a condition which stops them from practising, or where their registration is suspended).

Conditions:

- None

Undertakings:

- I, Dr Tania Ash, registered medical practitioner, undertake to the Medical Board of Australia (Board) pending the outcome of the investigation reference no. 00328127 as follows:

Limitations on practice

1. I will:

- only prescribe hormones to any new and current patient in accordance with 2 and 3 below; and
- comply with the Board's code of conduct entitled 'Good medical practice: a code of conduct for doctors in Australia' (as amended from time to time).

2. I will, in respect of any current patient to whom I am prescribing hormones:

- prior to providing any further prescription for hormones, consult with an endocrinologist specialist (FRACP) who has been approved in writing by the Board (the Specialist) in relation to my treatment plan for the patient;
- consult with the Specialist should I at any time consider, and prior to, changing any endocrinology aspect of my treatment plan;
- ensure that the Specialist with whom I consult is sufficiently briefed and is provided with all relevant laboratory information so as to be able to give an informed opinion on the content of and rationale for my treatment plan, and/or in relation to any proposed change to any endocrinology aspect of my treatment plan;
- only prescribe in accordance with the advice I receive from the Specialist, including not prescribing if that is the advice I receive; and
- document the nature and extent of my consultations with the Specialist (including the times and dates of any consultations) and the advice I receive.

3. I will, in respect of any current or new patient to whom I am considering prescribing hormones:

- prior to providing any prescription for hormones, consult with the Specialist in relation to my proposed treatment plan for the patient;
- thereafter consult with the Specialist should I at any time consider, and prior to, changing any endocrinology aspect of my treatment plan;
- ensure that the Specialist with whom I consult is sufficiently briefed and is provided with all relevant laboratory information so as to be able to give an informed opinion on the content of and rationale for my treatment plan, and/or in relation to any proposed change to any endocrinology aspect of my treatment plan;
- only prescribe in accordance with the advice I receive from the Specialist, including not prescribing if that is the advice I receive; and
- document the nature and extent of my consultations with the Specialist (including the times and dates of any consultations) and the advice I receive.

Requirement to submit to an audit of practice

4. Upon my return to practice I will submit to audits of my patients' files by a medical practitioner (the Auditor) who has been nominated and approved by the Board as follows:

- fortnightly for the first month;
- once per month for the next two months and then quarterly thereafter.
- upon my return to practice I will submit to the first fortnightly audit, including providing any supporting records, within 28 days of receiving notice that the Board has approved an Auditor.

5. I acknowledge that:

- a. the audits are to confirm that I am prescribing in accordance with the undertaking at paragraph 1(a) above;
- b. the audits will consist of an audit of a sample of patients' files which have been chosen by the Auditor and/or AHPRA;
- c. the Auditor nominated by the Board is to attend any and all of my places of practice (public and private) for the purpose of the audit and to provide a report in relation to the findings of the audit;
- d. the Auditor will provide a report to AHPRA following each audit;
- e. the Board will rely upon the reports provided by the Auditor in determining whether I have complied with the terms of this undertaking;
- f. AHPRA may communicate with the Auditor in relation to my compliance with this undertaking;
- g. if the Board is not satisfied that by the report of the Auditor that I have complied with the terms of this undertaking, the Board will reconsider the matter with respect to what further action may be required; and
- h. I am responsible for all the costs associated with this undertaking including the costs of reports from the Auditor.

Supervision

6. I will not practise without a supervisor who has been approved in advance by the Board (the Supervisor), and will meet the Board's requirements in relation to this.

7. Prior to my return to practice, I will nominate a supervisor to be approved by the Board. I will ensure that:

- a. the nomination is accompanied by the contact details of the nominated supervisor and a detailed copy of the nominated supervisor's curriculum vitae;
- b. the nominated supervisor is a registered medical practitioner who holds unrestricted registration;
- c. the nominated supervisor is not a relative or friend of mine or in a close collegiate or financial relationship with me;
- d. the nomination is accompanied by written confirmation from the nominated supervisor that he or she has read these conditions, agrees to the nomination, is not in a relationship with me described in 7(c) above, is able to provide the requisite level of supervision and agree to provide the reports as outlined in 9(c) below; and
- e. the nomination is accompanied by written authorisation from me permitting AHPRA to communicate with the supervisor for the purposes of monitoring compliance with the terms of this undertaking and to obtain reports from the supervisor as follows:
 - i. every month for the first three months and then quarterly thereafter;
 - ii. whenever the Supervisor has a concern or becomes aware of a concern regarding my conduct or professional performance; and
 - iii. when requested either verbally or in writing by AHPRA or the Board;

8. Any report is to specifically address compliance with the terms of this undertaking and should outline, in particular, that the supervision has occurred at the level required by way of this undertaking, any periods of absence or any periods where the Supervisor was not otherwise able to provide supervision and whether the Supervisor is or has become aware of any concerns in regard to my conduct.

9. The Supervisor and I will meet either by Skype or in person for sessions of a minimum of two hours' duration as follows:

- i. fortnightly for the first month;
- ii. once per month for the next two months and then quarterly thereafter.

In this respect:

- a. the Supervisor will review patients that I have seen in the preceding fortnight;
- b. the patients reviewed by the Supervisor are to be chosen randomly by the Supervisor;
- c. the Supervisor is to provide reports to AHPRA:
 - i. monthly for the first three months;
 - ii. three monthly thereafter;
 - iii. whenever the Supervisor has a concern or becomes aware of a concern regarding my conduct or professional performance; and
 - iv. when requested either verbally or in writing by AHPRA or the Board;
- d. AHPRA may communicate with the Supervisor about my performance; and
- e. I am responsible for all costs associated with supervision by the Supervisor.

Reprimands:

- Dr Tania Ash is reprimanded to adhere at all times to the Medical Board of Australia's Good Medical Practice Code of Conduct for Doctors in Australia by ensuring that she practises medicine safely and effectively (1.4) and both recognises and works within the limits of her scope of practice (2.2.1).

Registration Type: General

Registration expiry date: 30/09/2019

Endorsements: • None

Notations - General: • None

Registration Requirements: • None

Registration Type: Specialist

Specialty: General practice

Registration expiry date: 30/09/2019

Endorsements: • None

Notations - General:

- None

Registration Requirements:

- None