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CPCA POSITION STATEMENT ON COSMETIC INJECTABLES

The Cosmetic Physicians College of Australasia has issued the following statement regarding anti-wrinkle injections (Botox, Dysport and Xeomin as Botulinum Toxin A) and dermal fillers when performed for Cosmetic purposes. This should cease from midnight on 31st March during the COVID-19 crisis. While these procedures are categorised as being only to be performed by authorised health practitioners, patient safety is the College's primary consideration in an effort to reduce the spread of this disease.

ABOUT THE CPCA

The CPCA is the leading representative body for medical practitioners practicing non- or minimally-invasive cosmetic medical treatments in Australasia. The College, which evolved from the Cosmetic Physicians Society of Australasia, provides education, training and ethical practice standards for its Fellows and Members who are required to have relevant training and experience as prerequisites for admission to the College. Members are also required to keep abreast of the most up-to-date, relevant information and latest medical and scientific advances.

Overall, the key role of the CPCA is to develop and maintain the highest standards in cosmetic medicine, which helps safeguard the public.
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Therapeutic uses of these prescription-only products should also be carefully considered by Medical Practitioners. Therapeutic uses of scheduled, prescription-only medications for such conditions as migraine, teeth grinding and excessive sweating should only be performed following the instructions by the Chief Medical Officer and Prime Minister's announcements contained in the written Government Closure Direction (No. 2).

This direction specifically exempts, under this category, "Health services provided by health practitioners registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, with social distancing observed to the extent possible."

In any event, medical procedures, involving the administration of prescription-only, scheduled medications within premises that are not classified as medical facilities, such as hairdressers, 'medi-spas' and beauticians, or where there is no medical practitioner on-site, must cease forthwith. Such conduct represents a significant health hazard in any circumstance. The CPCA has consistently shown grave concern preceding this pandemic over the administration of medical substances on these types of non-medical premises. This is now particularly accentuated during the course of this highly contagious pandemic.

The College warns that it is highly concerned that during this time, as seen in events such as occurring recently at Bondi Beach and gatherings where social distancing has been ignored, some members of the public may be enticed by non-medical practitioners to undergo cosmetic injectables, including anti-wrinkle injections (Botox, Dysport, Xeomin) and dermal fillers, especially by young vulnerable patients, to undergo these procedures by 'back yarders' in unsafe circumstances.

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