



COSMETIC PHYSICIANS
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Botox Party Policy
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The CPCA considers the administration of botulinum toxin or any dermal filler, or the performance of any cosmetic medical procedure, in a party setting, to be incompatible with good medical care. The CPCA believes these types of non-invasive and minimally-invasive cosmetic procedures are medical procedures which should be conducted in the appropriate medical setting.

The CPCA, with reference to the CPCA Protocol for Delegated Cosmetic S4 Injections, endorses individual face-to-face consultations with each patient, to be performed by the doctor performing the treatment or supervising the registered nurse to whom the procedures are delegated. A full medical history should be gained and examination performed by the doctor to ensure that the intending patient is psychologically and physically suited for treatment.

The CPCA does not condone the performance of cosmetic medical procedures in a setting where:

- The medical practitioner is not supervising the delegated injector;
- The medical practitioner is “prescribing” the medication after the administration takes place or not providing a written order at all;
- The medical practitioner is prescribing the medication without personally conducting an in-person face-to-face consultation, history-taking and examination of the patient;
- Consent is gained in a coercive or peer-pressure-related environment;
- Consent is gained after imbibing alcoholic beverages or other not-medically-necessary mind- or mood-altering substances.

The CPCA does not endorse the administration of botulinum toxin or dermal fillers by delegated injectors with a lesser qualification than registered nurse. All such registered nurse injectors must hold appropriate independent indemnity insurance, if not covered by the doctors’ practice insurance as employees, and legitimate registration in the state or territory in which they are working.

The CPCA maintains that all doctors must maintain their medical registration in the state or territory in which they conduct their practice(s).

The CPCA does not consider supervision to be adequate if the registered nurse delegated injector is effectively operating independently of the supplying doctor.

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With regards to the injection of dermal fillers, the CPCA does not believe any advanced techniques, such as deep filling along the orbital rim, the use of a sub-dermal cannula, or the equivalent placement with a long, sharp needle, to be within the scope of practice of a registered nurse. These advanced techniques and other off-label uses of cosmetic medicines should be performed by the doctors themselves.

The CPCA does not in any circumstances condone the use of any cosmetic injectable substances, or use of pieces of electronic medical equipment, that are not TGA-approved for use in Australia.