



Medical Board of Queensland

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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Dr Michael Tait

The Medical Board of Queensland today confirmed that Dr Michael Tait, based on the Gold Coast, has been referred to the Health Practitioners Tribunal in relation to his use of unconventional medical practice to treat cancer patients.

The Board received a number of complaints about treatments being provided by Dr Tait. Conditions were placed on Dr Tait's registration that prevented him from using the treatments in question while an investigation was undertaken.

The Board's Executive Officer, Kaye Pulsford, said the investigation resulted in the decision to take disciplinary action against him through the Tribunal and Dr Tait was advised of this decision at that time.

"It is the Board's role to protect the public by ensuring health care provided in Queensland is delivered in a professional, safe and competent way," Ms Pulsford said.

"The Board expects that any doctor who embarks upon patient treatment that is not based upon conventional medical practice will provide those patients with the information they need to make informed choices," she said.

This expectation is outlined in the Board's standards on unconventional medical practice and, in the interest of public safety, they will enforce this policy when the guidelines are ignored.

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