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AOA Statement



Ethical principles central to professionalism of surgeons in Australia

Recent claims from the private health industry that Australian surgeons are not acting in the interests of patients in choosing medical devices are contrary to the principles and values defined in the AOA Ethical Framework for Australian Orthopaedic Association members.

AOA President Dr Lawrie Malisano said, “AOA Members act in the best interests of their patients and select devices based upon clinical need and optimal clinical outcomes. In consultation with their patients, surgeons are the only ones responsible for choosing the most appropriate medical device.

“If an AOA member is proven to not act in the patient’s best interest, which is in a manner contrary to the principles of AOA’s ethical framework, a process of review and consideration of an appropriate sanction is instigated.

“AOA supports this international standard and will continue to support and encourage surgeons in this regard,” added Dr Malisano.

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About the Australian Orthopaedics Association:

The Australian Orthopaedic Association (AOA) is the peak professional organisation for orthopaedic surgery in Australia. AOA is a not-for-profit organisation that provides high quality education and training for Australian Orthopaedic Surgeons, ensures the highest possible standard of orthopaedic care, actively supports scientific research and orthopaedic humanitarian initiatives and is the leading authority in the provision of orthopaedic information to the community.

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