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Dear WPATH Members:

Thank you for your continued support of WPATH through your membership, attendance at conferences, and work in the field of trans health.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of WPATH understands that there may be providers in Australia that are not following the guidelines in the Standards of Care v7, and we wanted to reach out to you, as stewards of the SOC, to remind all professionals in trans health of the following:

- Review the full range of mental health professions listed on p. 22 of the SOCv7 as suitable professions for clinicians writing WPATH-compliant surgery readiness referral letters.
- Referrals from professionals in these fields should be accepted for surgery.
- The WPATH Standards of Care is a guideline written by professionals in the field of gender affirming healthcare and are written to increase awareness of and reduce access barriers for the trans community.
- Referrals from professionals with the minimum competencies outlined on p.22, registered with the following professional bodies, should be accepted; Psychotherapy & Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA), the Australian Association of Family Therapy (AAFT), the Australian Association of Social Work (AASW), the Australian Counselling Association (ACA), and the Australian, New Zealand, and Asian Creative Arts Therapies Association (ANZACATA)
- The goal of the SOCv7 is to increase access to care, not decrease it, and is deeply rooted in the mission and vision of WPATH and its professional members' work.
- As a member of WPATH you affirm that you have read our code of conduct and agree to the terms contained therein.
- As a member of WPATH you agree to abide by the bylaws, ethics, governing documents, and policies of World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH).

Thank you for all you are doing to increase access and competent care to the trans community and please let us know if you have any

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questions about the information in this letter. [We have included a TransHub readiness referral template that may be used when referring clients for surgery.](#)

This letter will also be posted on our website, you can find it by clicking here.

We hope that each of you remain safe and healthy and send our kindest regards.

Sincerely,



Walter Bouman, MD, PhD
WPATH President