

The Dangers of Inappropriately Performed or Unauthorised Medical Photography



You are invited to the inaugural meeting to explore this vital issue.

Your input will be invaluable in developing Australian medical photography guidelines.

Inappropriately performed or unauthorised patient photography is a major concern for all health practitioners. The Brisbane group of the Australian Institute of Medical & Biological Illustration (AIMBI), would like to invite you to an evening symposium on Policy and Best Practice Guidelines in relation to Photography and Recording of Patients.

The digital age puts patient confidentiality at grave risk. We all know of cases where an 'interesting' patient has been snapped using a personal digital camera or mobile phone camera. Images taken under these conditions are often inadequate as a medical record and in the worst case are published in the media.

Recording patient images was once the domain of the professional medical photographer, now all staff and visitors believe that they are able to use digital devices, record and use patient images. They do not understand the consequences and legal ramifications of their actions. Policy and guidelines need to be in place.

With the increasing demands of legislation, privacy and litigation, Guidelines for the capture, storage and use of recorded images need to be developed, adopted and adhered to, to ensure patient confidentiality. This is a matter of urgency.

The Guidelines should be applied to all recordings of patients whether taken by a medical photographer, staff member, contractor (eg Visiting Medical/Dental Officer) or visitors (eg Ambulance Officer), using an image capturing device owned by the organization, department, private practitioner or individual.

These Best Practice Guidelines will cover the issues of

- informed consent
- acceptable equipment to capture these recordings
- copyright & storage
- access and the end usage of such material
- training
- standardisation and adherence by all staff and visitors

7:00 PM TUESDAY, FEB 24

Des O'Callaghan Auditorium, Kelly Building

Mater Health Services, Raymond Terrace, South Brisbane Qld

Light Refreshments will be served

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