



Cosmetic Surgery Standards

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New Cosmetic Surgery Standards will protect patients

Every year Australians spend almost half a billion dollars on more than 100,000 cosmetic surgical procedures performed across the country.

New [National Safety and Quality Cosmetic Surgery Standards](#) (Cosmetic Surgery Standards) will help to ensure that people choosing to have a cosmetic surgical procedure can access safe, high-quality treatment.

Developed by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, the Standards are part of broader reforms agreed by Health Ministers in 2022 to prevent Australians from being harmed when they undergo cosmetic surgery.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and the Medical Board of Australia are also implementing important changes that are aligned with the Standards.

The Cosmetic Surgery Standards apply to cosmetic surgical procedures that involve cutting beneath the skin, such as breast augmentation, eyelid surgery, liposuction and facelifts.

Key focus areas addressed by the Cosmetic Surgery Standards are the assessment of patient suitability including general and psychological health, advertising, informed consent, complaints, clinician qualifications and post-operative care.

The Standards can be implemented immediately in every service where cosmetic surgery is performed, including small day procedure clinics through to large health organisations. They bring the cosmetic surgery industry into line with all other day procedure services nationwide. Most services will be accredited to the new Standards by 2025.

People will be reassured that when they visit a cosmetic surgery service accredited to the Standards, they will be able to receive the best possible care, in a safe environment, by trained medical professionals.

The Commission developed the Cosmetic Surgery Standards following consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, including the Australian Government, state and territory partners, cosmetic surgery services, consumers, peak bodies and interest groups.

Find out more at safetyandquality.gov.au/cosmetic-surgery