



# The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery

## *Raising Standards, Protecting Patients*

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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Update: Covid 19 and the provision of elective surgical procedures**

Dear Fellows,

Following the Prime Minister's meeting with National Cabinet yesterday, Friday 15 May 2020, it was agreed to reopen elective surgery by removing restrictions and restoring hospital activity across 3 temporal stages.<sup>1</sup> His media statement advised that it will be a decision of each jurisdiction to determine which stage applies to its circumstances, the timeline for implementation and that the level of normal surgical activity is safely restored in line with agreed principles. Stage-related details can be found at <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/update-coronavirus-measures-15may20> Importantly, private hospitals should mirror their own state's approach to surgical activity unless agreed otherwise with the relevant state.

As the situation develops, I urge all Fellows to remain cognisant of evolving health guidelines from Government and its agencies along with your medical indemnity insurer.

I wish you, your families and your staff continued good health at this time and hope that we can all look forward to a gradual return to normal in coming months.

Kind regards,

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1. Morrison S. Update on Coronavirus Measures. 2020; <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/update-coronavirus-measures-15may20>. Accessed 15 May 2020.