

## Medical Practitioners - Use of Assumed Names on Admission to Psychiatric Units

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**Use of Assumed Names by Medical Practitioners  
on Admission to Psychiatric Units**

Instances have occurred where medical practitioners on admission to a psychiatric unit have assumed or been given a name different to that used professionally and under which they are registered under the Medical Practice Act 1992.

Clause 11 of the Medical Practice Regulation 2003 imposes a duty on the Department of Health to notify the Registrar of the New South Wales Medical Board of the admission of a patient or voluntary patient who is a medical practitioner.

Accordingly, Superintendents of Psychiatric Hospitals and Admission Centres in Public Hospitals gazetted under the Mental Health Act 1990 are directed to notify the Registrar of the Medical Board of the admission of a medical practitioner as soon as practicable.

Medical practitioners who have been admitted may be treated under an assumed name if the Superintendent considers such is warranted, but the admission must be notified as instructed.

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Secretary

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