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From: Director of Medical Services

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Subject: Incident – Dr Patel

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Dear All

As the DMS, I wish to take this opportunity to say how very sorry I am about the entire situation relating to Dr Patel. I sincerely apologise for the hurt and distress that many have suffered during this time and acknowledge the efforts of all the healthcare professionals in bringing forward their concerns about him.

I know that I can only learn from this most unfortunate episode. I am absolutely shocked at the revelations in the media about Dr Patel's registration in the US. I am not proud to admit that I feel conned and extremely let down by him and the Medical Board of Queensland.

As the upcoming inquiry begins, I look forward to working with all staff to help rebuild Bundaberg Base Hospital's relationship with the community. During this time, my door remains open to anyone who wishes to discuss any matters related to the inquiry or the hospital in general.



Dk

Dr Darren Keating
Director of Medical Services
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