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AMA says “no” to homophobia, biphobia, transphobia on IDAHOBIT and every day

The Australian Medical Association is steadfast in its commitment to support LGBTQIASB+ patients and doctors on the annual International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT).

AMA President Dr Danielle McMullen said IDAHOBIT stands as a day to recognise the great advances in LGBTQIASB+ healthcare, while also noting members of the LGBTQIASB+ community are still unfairly marginalised in some areas of society.

“Every year on 17 May people around the world mark IDAHOBIT in recognition of the struggles faced by members of the LGBTQIASB+ community to ensure their right to live free of discrimination in all its forms,” Dr McMullen said.

“As members of the healthcare profession we recognise LGBTQIASB+ patients still face barriers to accessible and inclusive healthcare.

“Accessible, inclusive and safe healthcare is a right, and that’s why [we welcomed the National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTQIA+ people last December](#) as an important step towards improving the health and wellbeing of the LGBTQIASB+ community.

“Today we remind governments of the importance of putting that plan into action.”

Dr McMullen said the Australian Medical Association’s [LGBTQIASB+ Health Position Statement](#), published last year, affirms that accepting and supporting people who identify as LGBTQIASB+, is a vital part of reducing discrimination and boosting health and wellbeing.

“The AMA supports the provision of appropriate, respectful and culturally safe healthcare for people who are LGBTQIASB+ across the healthcare system,” Dr McMullen said.

“Culturally safe healthcare is something that we can all create. For example, we encourage medical practitioners to actively foster LGBTQIASB+-inclusive environments by using patient-directed names and pronouns, and supporting patients’ rights and perspectives in a culturally safe practice.

“And of course, we strongly advocate for the Australian health care system to be a safe place for all LGBTQIASB+ health workers as well as people seeking care.

“I was truly honoured to lead the AMA’s first ever float in this year’s Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras as it allowed me to publicly show our commitment to our LGBTQIASB+ members and colleagues. On IDAHOBIT, and every day, I recommit to supporting the rights and wellbeing of all LGBTQIASB+ people.”

[AMA LGBTQIASB+ Health Position Statement](#)

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