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Ahpra spokesperson:

We can confirm that the registration of Mr Heassan Al Hamid, also known as Hassan Al Hamid, is currently suspended which means that he is not able to practice as a podiatrist anywhere in Australia.

Confidentiality provisions of the National Law under which we operate limit what we can say publicly about an individual practitioner or matter. Unless a matter is already in the public domain, for example a specific tribunal outcome or listing on the public register, we are unable to provide information in relation to it.

We can advise that conditions were placed on Al Hamid's registration in 2023, as reflected on the register at that time, and a suspension was imposed in February 2024 (*see further background below*).

Under the National Law, it is a criminal offence for an unregistered individual to describe themselves as a health practitioner or hold themselves out to be a registered health practitioner. It is also potentially a criminal offence for entities, including media organisations, to refer to unregistered individuals in such a manner. In the event of a prosecution, the maximum penalty for an individual is a \$60,000 fine and/or 3 years imprisonment, while for a corporation it is a fine of up to \$120,000.

Ahpra has contacted major media organisations to remind them of their responsibility to choose suitably qualified and authorised experts to communicate on health issues. The public register of practitioners is one way to verify whether an individual meets those requirements.

Ahpra takes public safety seriously and would again urge media organisations to undertake due diligence when communicating health issues to ensure the public is not misled.