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## **New Zealand Medical Radiation Technologists Board**

### **Consultation: *Remote access and hybrid models of care***

**Australasian Sonographers Association (ASA) response – provided via survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HVLSZNH>**

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<https://www.mrtboard.org.nz/news/mrtb-consultation-remote-access>

## MRTB Consultation (survey) questions - with ASA Response



1. **Your name:** Elissa Campbell, Australasian Sonographers Association (ASA) General Manager – Policy and Advocacy
2. **Which scope(s) of practice are you registered in?** Sonographer (on behalf of members)
3. **Are you completing this survey as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?** Organisation
4. **If you are completing the survey on behalf of an organisation, please name the organisation.** The Australasian Sonographers Association (ASA).
5. **Do you agree with the definitions used in the statement? (Agree/ neither agree nor disagree/ disagree). Why or why not?**

Agree

6. **Do you agree with guiding principles of the statement (Agree/ neither agree nor disagree/ disagree). Why or why not?**

Agree

7. **Do you agree with the Board's position on remote and hybrid models of imaging? (Agree/ neither agree nor disagree/ disagree). Why or why not?**

Agree

8. **Is there anything that we have not explained clearly that you require additional information on?**

We believe it would be helpful to have additional guidance on assistants, and the knowledge required. The use of assistants and associated knowledge can vary. For example, this may include someone acting as a chaperone (where there are lower knowledge requirements) to someone assisting with a procedure (where there are higher knowledge requirements).

9. **Do you have any other feedback about the statement you would like the Board to consider?**

The ASA supports the development of the statement, recognising that remote and hybrid care is already being provided and can play an important role in improving access for patients. It is therefore appropriate that the MRTB develop guidelines to ensure it is being undertaken in a way that aligns with relevant professional and practice standards, and that ensures patient care is upheld.

While the statement is relatively short, the ASA believes it covers the areas needed and refers back to foundational scopes and external guidelines as required.

As stated in the supporting consultation FAQs, we recognise that the statement requires practitioners providing remote and virtual health services to have an annual practising certificate, and when a practitioner is working under level 1 supervision the supervisor must be

physically present and observing. We believe these are important and appropriate requirements.