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My concern is with the present category of registration for (retired) medical practitioners 'Public interest - occasional practice', which allows doctors to write repeat prescriptions and unrestricted referrals. Enquiry reveals that such doctors are in fact writing scripts and referrals for themselves, family, and close friends, a matterd which AMA Federal Council ruled to be inappropriate. The activity referred to does not in any way assist doctors in active practice, rather the reverse, brcause it disrupts record keeping, and is not accompanied by ciorrect ethical communication with actively practising doctors, and there is no evidence of record keeping by retired doctors.

I have been unable to get an explanation of the nature of the public interest in the said registration.

I believe that the issue of prescriptions and referrals should be in the context of a consultation, which is outside the scope of a retired doctor.

I wrote in opposition to the proposed 'Senior Active' registration category.

Retiring doctors should do so with dignity.

