

**Statement for ATMS stakeholders:
Friday 10 July 2015**

Following the arrest of a Sydney woman who allegedly advised the mother of an eight-month-old baby boy to cease all medical and dermatological treatments, The Australian Traditional-Medicine Society (ATMS) unequivocally states that its Code of Conduct does not condone withdrawal from conventional treatment.

The individual who is the subject of these allegations is a nurse who was accredited with ATMS for Remedial Massage. She is not accredited with ATMS for Naturopathy and there are no records of her holding any qualifications in this area. The practitioner in question therefore is not qualified or recognised to practice Naturopathy and is working outside her scope of practice as a Remedial Massage therapist.

ATMS unequivocally urges consumers to always seek out accredited practitioners of natural medicine. As Australia's largest association for natural medicine, ATMS is focused on ensuring the public's safety by providing a listing of qualified and accredited practitioners. Consumers are advised that they may do so via associations and organisations such as [ATMS](#).

ATMS expresses concern over the harm of the child in these circumstances. As the police investigation is still ongoing and without more information, ATMS cannot comment further on this matter.

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