

Retraction Statement from ASUM re: ASA

ASUM Council wishes to clarify and retract the statement "A Response from the ASUM to the ASA focus group meeting 1st May 2009" published in the ASUM Australasian Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine, August 2009 and regrets any offence it may have caused.

This response was derived to send to ASA and to Department of Health and Ageing, and not intended for publication in the public forum of the ASUM Journal. It was a response to the facilitators report of the focus group meeting hosted by ASA.

ASUM holds the opinion that the survey has some methodological flaws, and stands by the joint response from the ADIA, ASUM and RANZCR published in the same Journal.

ASUM Council retracts the statements "It concerns ASUM that the original broad aim of the project for which \$96,998 was allocated has been restricted to a study set up to confirm a pre-existing view expressed by the ASA" and "It is with regret that ASUM can only conclude that patient outcomes and the public interest appear to be a secondary consideration to a sectional viewpoint".

As the peak body for medical ultrasound, ASUM has a very real interest in educational, career pathway and workplace issues affecting sonographers and the ultrasound community, and readily acknowledges ASA shares and promotes this interest. It was not the intent of ASUM to cast doubt on ASA motives.

ASUM is aware the entire project is now available for viewing and comment and welcomes the opportunity to have input on the finished product.