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# Family Practice

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## Gender Equality in the Workplace Policy

This Gender Equality in the Workplace Policy applies to all Employees of the business.

The objective of the policy is to ensure a culture that values diversity, gender equality.

The requirement is for all staff to comply with Gender Equality in the Workplace Policy.

Procedures (not required)

## Purpose

The purpose of this Gender Equality in the Workplace Policy is to promote and maintain a workplace culture that values and respects diversity, gender equality, and equal opportunities for all employees at Schwarz Family Practice in Australia. We are committed to creating an inclusive work environment where all employees, regardless of their gender, can thrive, contribute, and excel. This policy outlines our objectives and requirements for fostering gender equality within our business.

## Objective

The objectives of this Gender Equality in the Workplace Policy are to:

- Establish a workplace culture that values diversity, gender equality, and equal opportunities for all employees.
- Ensure fair and equitable treatment, opportunities, and outcomes for all employees, regardless of their gender.
- Comply with all relevant Australian legislation and regulations, including the Sex Discrimination Act 1984, the Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012, and the Fair Work Act 2009.
- Proactively address and eliminate any gender-based discrimination, harassment, or bias in the workplace.
- Promote gender diversity and equal representation in leadership and decision-making positions.

## Policy Requirements

To implement this Gender Equality in the Workplace Policy, Schwarz Family Practice will adhere to the following requirements:

- **Recruitment and Selection:** Schwarz Family Practice will ensure that recruitment and selection processes are transparent, equitable, and free from gender bias. We will use gender-neutral language in job advertisements and apply consistent selection criteria to all candidates, regardless of their gender.
- **Pay Equity:** Schwarz Family Practice is committed to providing equal pay for work of equal or comparable value, regardless of an employee's gender. We will regularly review and analyse remuneration data to identify and address any gender pay gaps.
- **Training and Development:** Schwarz Family Practice will provide equal opportunities for all employees to access training, development, and career advancement opportunities. We will also implement programs and initiatives to support the growth and development of underrepresented groups, including women in leadership positions.
- **Flexible Work Arrangements:** Schwarz Family Practice will promote and support flexible work arrangements that accommodate the diverse needs of our employees, including those related to family and caregiving responsibilities. This approach will be applied in accordance with our Flexibility Policy.

- **Reporting and Monitoring:** Schwarz Family Practice will monitor and report on gender equality metrics, including gender representation, pay equity, and the effectiveness of initiatives aimed at promoting gender equality in the workplace. We will use this data to inform continuous improvement efforts and ensure compliance with relevant legislation.
- **Prevention of Discrimination and Harassment:** Schwarz Family Practice is committed to providing a safe and inclusive work environment, free from gender-based discrimination, harassment, and victimization. All employees are expected to adhere to our Anti-Discrimination and Harassment Policy, and we will promptly investigate and address any incidents or complaints.
- **Communication and Training:** Schwarz Family Practice will provide training and resources for employees and managers to support the effective implementation of this Gender Equality in the Workplace Policy. We will also communicate the policy throughout the business and include it in our employee handbook and onboarding process.

By adopting this Gender Equality in the Workplace Policy, Schwarz Family Practice demonstrates our commitment to creating an inclusive and equitable work environment that supports the well-being and success of all employees, regardless of their gender.

The practice Manager is responsible for communicating the Gender Equality in the Workplace Policy to all persons working for or on behalf of the organisation and making it available to interested parties.