

Media Release

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Australia's Pioneering Zionist Healthcare Alliance Launches to Combat Bias and Champion Inclusion in Healthcare

Australia, 8 October 2025 — The **Australian Zionist Healthcare Alliance (AZHA)**, Australia's first dedicated Zionist healthcare advocacy organisation, officially launches today.

Key Facts

- **Launch:** Australian Zionist Healthcare Alliance (AZHA), Australia's first dedicated Zionist healthcare advocacy organisation.
 - **Mission:** Supports, protects, and advances the interests of Zionist healthcare professionals, students, and patients (Jewish and non-Jewish) across all health-related settings and disciplines.
 - **Focus:** Addresses rising bias, harassment, and antisemitism/antizionism in Australian healthcare.
 - **Background:** Founded informally post-October 7, 2023; now formalised as a not-for-profit organisation.
 - **Committee:** Diverse group of Jewish and non-Jewish professionals from medicine, nursing, midwifery, allied health, and support roles, with real-world advocacy experience.
 - **Key Initiatives:** Confidential support for vexatious complaints and workplace issues; education to counter Zionism misinformation; and promotion of cultural safety, tolerance, and social cohesion.
 - **National Register:** Exclusively dedicated to collating antisemitic/antizionist incidents in healthcare, antisemitic/antizionist notifications to AHPRA/HCCC, and vexatious complaints against Jewish Zionist and non-Jewish Zionist healthcare workers (HCWs) and HCW students.
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Why Now?

AZHA launches to fill a critical representation gap in healthcare, where existing antisemitism/antizionism advocacy groups have overlooked the sector or focused narrowly on doctors—excluding nurses, midwives, allied health professionals, patients, and others.

This has left many professionals isolated, including Jewish workers abandoned by unions and non-Jewish allies penalised for solidarity. AZHA unites them under Zionism's umbrella, emphasising inclusivity in leadership for women, diverse faiths, cultures, and non-Jewish Zionists.

AZHA provides **confidential assistance**, including guidance in navigating legal avenues and connecting with appropriate legal counsel, as well as workplace representation.

It **educates** on Zionism as the Jewish people's national liberation movement and supports the indigenous aspirations of the Jewish people to their homeland. AZHA promotes tolerance and social cohesion by reframing Zionism as central to Jewish ethnic, cultural, and religious identity—and to the religious identity of millions of Christians across the world—far from a political ideology.

Antizionism can mask racial and religious vilification: against ethnic Jews (racial discrimination), religious Jews or converts (religious discrimination), and religious Christians whose Zionism is core to their faith (religious discrimination). The claim “we don't hate Jews, we hate Zionists” enables this under a false guise. AZHA counters such misinformation to foster understanding.

AZHA aligns with government strategies on diversity, inclusion, and anti-discrimination, supporting the **Department of Health's Inclusion Framework** to combat racism and religious vilification. It complements initiatives like the **Cultural Safety in Health Care for Indigenous Australians Monitoring Framework** and **Victoria's Multicultural Health Strategy**, promoting equitable, bias-free environments under the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* and related human rights laws.

Statements from AZHA Leadership

Dr Karen Fink, President of AZHA, stated:

“By uniting diverse voices under Zionism, we're , not just advocating we are building a more inclusive, tolerant healthcare system for all Australians.”

Dr Deborah Bell, Vice President of AZHA, said:

“AZHA empowers Zionist healthcare professionals to stand strong against bias and misinformation, fostering a healthcare environment where cultural safety and equity are realities for all : Jewish, non-Jewish, and allies alike.”

Sharon Stoliar, Public Officer of AZHA, added:

“AZHA is a lifeline for isolated healthcare professionals, students, and patients facing bias in healthcare, ensuring no one is left behind in the fight for equity and cultural safety.”

Membership

Membership is open at only **\$30 annually** for healthcare professionals, and **\$15 annually** for community members and students.

Your membership supports the administrative work of the organisation.

Join at www.azha.org.au.

AZHA leaders are available for comment.

About AZHA

The **Australian Zionist Healthcare Alliance (AZHA)** is a not-for-profit organisation advocating for Zionist healthcare workers and students, and for patients' safety and inclusion. AZHA provides support, education, and institutional engagement to ensure equitable, multifaith healthcare across Australia.

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