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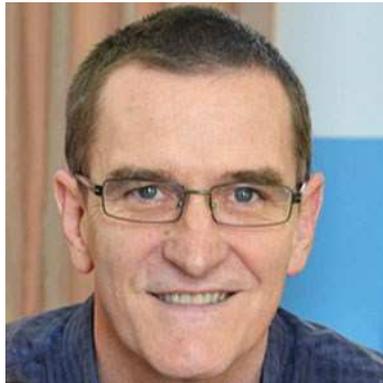
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A group of doctor activists, including controversial neurosurgeon Dr Charlie Teo, is demanding a major overhaul of medical regulation, saying it's destroying careers and lives.

Health Professionals Australia Reform Association claim members have either experienced or witnessed poor handling of complaints, with doctors facing family break-up, wrecked reputations and financial hardship.

The group, set up in 2015, will hold its first conference in Sydney next month, with Dr Teo, the director of the Centre for Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery at Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney, one of the keynote speakers.

Co-founder, Melbourne paediatric surgeon Dr Paddy Dewan (pictured), says his own career was seriously damaged after he became the victim of what he claims was a vexatious complaint to the Victorian Medical Board.



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