

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Consumer Consultative Committee Communiqué

The HTA Consumer Consultative Committee (CCC) met on Tuesday 31st March 2020 via teleconference. This was the first formal meeting for the year.

Attendees

Attendees included consumer representatives from the Pharmaceutical Advisory Committee (PBAC) and its sub-committees, the Prostheses Listing Advisory Committee (PLAC) and the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) and its subcommittees as well as consumer representatives from the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), and its two committees, the Advisory Committee on Medicines (ACM) and the Advisory Committee on Medical Devices (ACDM).

Outcomes

The Chair's report included an overview of the HTAi Global Policy Forum on Deliberative Processes in Health Technology Assessment held in New Orleans (26-28 January 2020). The Chair noted particular issues from the Forum that may be of relevance to the Australian context including developing:

- Further clarity around the role of public/patient committee members
- Organisational and mentoring support for public/patient committee members
- Evaluation and clear communication around processes

Two publications are expected out of the HTAi Global Policy Forum on Deliberative Processes.

Members listened and participated in a discussion around the HTA CCC mentoring project, which has now commenced. The project will be piloted with the PBAC DUSC consumer representative.

Members noted that the CEEU and various CCC members had been involved in a number of activities connected to the work of PBAC, MSAC and the Prostheses List, including a Prostheses List consumer forum and proposed webinars for the MSAC Technical Guidelines review.

Two new members (from the MSAC sub-committees ESC and PASC respectively) were welcomed onto the CCC.

Next meeting

The Chair will work on a new meeting schedule and plan in response to the current limitations and restrictions associated with COVID-19.

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