

## **Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Consumer Consultative Committee Communiqué**

The HTA Consumer Consultative Committee (the Committee) met on 13 October 2017. The committee met previously in April, June and August 2017.

### **Attendees**

Chair: Jo Watson. Consumer representatives from Pharmaceutical Advisory Committee (PBAC), Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC), Prostheses Listing Advisory Committee (PLAC) and their Sub committees. Department of Health representatives were also in attendance.

### **Purpose**

To progress the activities of the work plan for 2017, towards supporting optimal consumer engagement and participation in the HTA processes of the Australian Government.

The meeting was an opportunity to discuss outcomes of the Research Roundtable, which occurred on 12 October 2017. The Research Roundtable was to foster collaboration between the members of the Committee and the relevant researchers in Australia, to cultivate opportunities for joint action related to advancing patient engagement across the principle HTA committees.

The meeting included a session working with the Department of Health about a project focused on information needs for consumers to support better understanding of out-of-pocket costs to patients.

### **Outcomes**

The committee agreed on the format and potential speakers for the HTA consumer workshop to be held on 11 December 2017.

The Committee's next meeting will undertake a review of its 2017 work plan, and a forward plan for 2018.

### **Next steps**

The next meeting is scheduled for 12 December 2017, in Sydney.