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Pre-Symposium Workshop 4

Sunday 23 September 2007, 9.30am-4.30pm

Health Technology Assessment: Interpreting Trial Evidence for Policy Decisions

Trial evidence for the safety and effectiveness of non-pharmaceutical products is rarely of an equivalent standard to that of pharmaceuticals. This poses unique problems when conducting health technology assessments to inform policy decisions. This workshop will provide an overview of health technology assessment in Australian policy making for non-pharmaceutical products. Experts in the field will discuss topical issues in conducting trials and health economic analyses.

Workshop Sessions

1. HTA and policy decisions for non-pharmaceuticals in Australia

- Overview of current processes: TGA, MSAC, PDC
- Decision making processes: body of evidence requirements, interim funding
- Panel discussion

2. Challenges in conducting non-pharmaceutical trials I

- Hybrid technologies
- Diagnostic tests
- Genetic testing
- Diagnostic and screening tests

3. Challenges in conducting non-pharmaceutical trials II

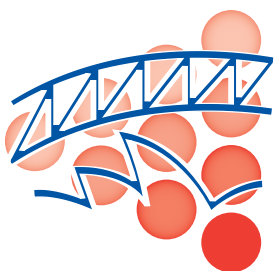
- Surgical procedures
- Devices and prostheses

4. Decision analytic modelling in HTA

- Decision modelling
- Costeffectiveness

Presenters include:

- Alex Barratt (STEP, University of Sydney)
- Paul Glasziou (Director, Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine, University of Oxford)
- Rowan Hammett (Chief Medical Officer, TGA)
- Kirsten Howard (Health Economist, PBAC ESC, University of Sydney)
- Guy Maddern (Surgical Director, ASERNIPS),
- Brian Richards (Principal Medical Advisor, Department of Health & Ageing)



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