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Submitted to Consultation: Improved sharing of information about medical devices | Proposed amendments relating to transparency of disruptions to supply of a medical device
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Introduction

About you

What is your name?:

[REDACTED]

What is your email address?:

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

I am responding on behalf of an organisation. This means I am authorised by the organisation to convey its views, and I am only providing those views in the response.

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, what is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Please enter your organisation name:

[REDACTED]

Select one (or more if applicable) of the stakeholder groups that best describes you or your organisation:

[REDACTED]

Specify 'Other' in the box below:

Privacy and Personal Information

I CONSENT: to my response being published but no identifying data.

Have you provided consent but there are particular questions you don't want us to publish?:

The TGA is aware that Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used to assist in preparing responses to this consultation. It is a respondent's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of their response.

I acknowledge that I am responsible for reviewing and confirming the accuracy and completeness of my submission, accepting full responsibility for its content. I may have used AI in preparing my response; where AI has been used, I confirm that the content has been reviewed and confirmed by me.

Questions 1 and 2

1 Do you agree that the TGA should release information about medical devices for the purpose of managing shortages or disruptions to supply?

Yes

a. Please explain your answer (optional):

I believe this depends on where the impact of the shortages are most likely to be felt. If mainly sourced for use within hospital or health care settings then those that manage the hospital or health setting are the target group for release of information as they will have to manage shortages, supply disruptions and alternatives. If there is likely to be wider community, Pharmacy, General Practice etc impact or in the instances of issue like IV fluids and some medicines used in places outside of health (e.g. veterinarian centres) then a wider distribution should be use.

2 Should the information be released publicly or be limited to specific stakeholders only?

Yes

a. Please explain your answer (optional):

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Questions 3 and 4

3 If we do not make information about disruptions to supply of a medical device publicly available, do you agree that information about supply disruptions should be released to the stakeholders outlined above?

Yes

a. Please explain your answer (optional) :

However, I believe that there are some additional stakeholders that should be considered: Australian Defence Force, Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care, Primary Health Networks (but I appreciate that this could be difficult to gather a full list), and potentially some peak groups for the aged care sector as some devices or shortages may impact places like Residential Aged Care Facilities that the governmental /state and territory governmental stakeholders may not cover.

4 Do you have any concerns regarding the proposal for releasing information about disruptions to supply for a medical device?

Yes

a. Please explain your answer (optional):

Although potentially avoidable, any time there is a concern about shortages or supply disruptions if those who can put in mitigating strategies aren't aware before staff and patients, issues such as hording, inappropriate changes to other devices, unnecessarily removing surgical candidates from operating lists can occur. It is always best for areas to be aware and to prepare clear advice on next steps before wide communication that can cause panicked decision making.

Questions 5, 6 and 7

5 Do you agree it is appropriate for the TGA to release the information identified above in the event of a disruption to supply of a medical device?

Yes

a. Please explain your answer (optional):

6 Should sponsors of medical devices impacted by disruption to supply be provided with a notice of intent and offered an opportunity to comment on the release of the information?

Yes

a. Please explain your answer (optional):

7 Please provide any further feedback or comments you have regarding proposals to collect and share information about disruption to supply of a medical device.

Please provide any further feedback in this field.:

Nil