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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:

Australian and New Zealand Society of Vascular Surgeons (ANZSVS)

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

Health professional or practitioner or peak body

Specify 'Other' in the box below:

Privacy and Personal Information

I CONSENT: I am okay for my response and organisation's name to be published, but not my name.

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):

The ANZSVS agrees that the TGA should release this information for the above reasons:

The ANZSVS broadly supports measures aimed at improving communication and awareness of potential and actual disruptions to medical device supplies. Vascular Surgeons are typically high consumers of medical devices such as sheaths, catheters, wires, stents and grafts. Early knowledge of potential disruptions allows for planning of alternate device use and appropriate management of patients who may be affected.

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

No

a. Please explain your answer (optional):

The ANZSVS does not support releasing the information publicly, rather limiting the information to stakeholders. There is concern that public release may lead to unnecessary concern in the public domain, as the information is likely to be highly technical and require interpretation which is best provided by the stakeholders and professional bodies.

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) :

The ANZSVS supports the information being released to stakeholders as listed in the document

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

No

a. Please explain your answer (optional):

The ANZSVS has no specific concerns releasing this information to appropriate stakeholders

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):

The ANZSVS agrees with the additional information proposed to be made available as listed in the document

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):

The ANZSVS agrees that sponsors of devices be given a "notice of intent" and a time-limited opportunity to comment on release of information

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.: