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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?:

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

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 Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

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

Government agency

Specify 'Other' in the box below:

Privacy and Personal Information

I CONSENT: I am okay for my response, name and organisation's name to be published.

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 Commission supports the sharing of information to manage shortages or supply disruptions, which supports the safety and quality of care.

This includes the sharing of information about medical devices including those containing medicines (boundary products and combination products). The Commission has previously recommended that these should be identified, categorised and regulated as 'medicines' with appropriate governance.

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

Yes

a. Please explain your answer (optional):

Health professionals and consumers need access to timely and accurate information about medical device and medicine shortages and discontinuations (including medical devices containing medicines) to effectively plan and manage the response to a supply disruption.

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) :

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):

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 timely sharing of such information would allow stakeholders, including health service organisations and clinicians, to plan and deliver care to patients in the event of supply disruptions.

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?

No

a. Please explain your answer (optional):

The paramount concern is that devices and medicines supplied and used in Australia must be safe and effective.

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.:

The Commission supports actions that help ensure the safety and quality of care delivered in Australia