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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?:

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What is your email address?:

[REDACTED]

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

I am responding as an individual

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:

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 my name, but not my organisation's name.

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

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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):

It can be very difficult to get to the truth from the manufacturer when a shortage occurs and more importantly when it should be resolved. This was the case with the supply of the [REDACTED] with obfuscation and delaying tactics. This hindered the supply of other options.

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

Yes

a. Please explain your answer (optional):

Yes means publicly. Transparency is the key. Publicly so everybody has the chance to make plans based on the information rather than relying on "key stakeholders" who generally have a commercial conflict of interest. This is mitigated by publicly available information and reduces the chance of venal behaviour

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) :

As many as possible. See previous response for reasoning

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):

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):

Gives the sponsor a chance to "come clean." May also provide information not gleaned already by discovery process

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.: