

Minutes - 17th Meeting

Minutes of previous meetings - Seventeenth Meeting, 6 March 2002

Draft report of the 16th Meeting of MSAC, held on 14 November 2001

The report of the 16th meeting was endorsed by members, with the amendments as stated.

Final Reports for MSAC Endorsement

MSAC endorsed assessment reports and recommendations on:

- Application No. 1014 - Trans Urethral Needle Ablation (TUNA) Application
- No. 1032 - Intravascular Ultrasound (IVUS)
- Application No. 1034 - Commercial-In-Confidence
- Reference 11 - Off-pump coronary artery bypass (OPCAB) and Minimally invasive direct coronary artery bypass (MIDCAB) surgery
- Application No. 1035 - Fragile X testing

Progress Reports on Applications and References

Progress was noted on the following:

- Application No. 1033 - Autogenous Cartilage Implantation
- Application No. 1036 - Rotational Atherectomy
- Application No. 1041 - Intravascular Brachytherapy
- Application No. 1042 - Treatment of heart failure by permanent tri-chamber resynchronisation
- Application No. 1043 - Thyrogen as a diagnostic agent for well differentiated thyroid cancer
- Application No. 1044 - Specific Mass Measurement of Bone Alkaline Phosphatase by Immunoassay (OSTASE®).
- Application No. 1045 - Intra-articular viscosupplementation with Hylan G-F (Synvisc)
- Application No. 1046 - Interstim
- Application No. 1047 - ELGP
- Application No. 1048 - Intra Discal Electro Thermal Arthroplasty
- Application No. 1049 - M-Vax - A Treatment for Patients with Advanced Stage 3 Melanoma.
- Application No. 1050 - Optical Biometry
- Application No. 1052 - Radiofrequency Ablation of Liver Tumours
- Reference No. 4a - Nuchal Translucency Testing for Down Syndrome
- Reference no. 6 - Intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI)
- Reference No. 7 - MRI (a) Magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography
- Reference No. 8 - Transoesophageal echocardiography
- Reference No. 9(a) - NAA testing in haematological malignancy
- Reference No. 9(b) - Thrombophilia testing in pregnancy
- Reference No. 12 - Cervical Cancer Screening
- Reference 13 - Multi-Focal Visually Evoked Potential Using ObjectiVision

AHMAC and Horizon Scanning

- Nationally Funded Centres: Pancreas Transplantation

A report was given to the meeting.

Pancreas transplantation is necessary for people with renal failure, with Type 1 diabetes. It's an exceptional treatment mechanism for intractable management problems with diabetes and the estimated need in Australia is about 35 cases a year. MSAC agreed to forward the report to AHMAC.

- Nationally Funded Centres: Paediatric Heart Transplant Unit

The report is being finalised at present.

- Policy: Introduction of New Technology into the Public Health System

Progress of the report was discussed at the meeting. This is an important document that would be a guide to the State hospital system in regard to new technology.

- Horizon Scanning - Virtual Colonoscopy

The conclusions of the report were tabled at the meeting. MSAC recommended that the report be forwarded to AHMAC.

- Horizon Scanning - Coated Stents for Coronary Arteries

A brief report was given to the meeting. MSAC recommended that the report be forwarded to AHMAC.

New Applications and References

- Application No. 1053 - Acticon Neosphincter
- Application No. 1054 - Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (Resubmission)
- Application No. 1055 - Hysteroscopic sterilisation by tubal cannulation and placement of intrafallopian implants
- Reference No. 14 - Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding

Committee Servicing Facility

The new facility was discussed with members with a positive response received.

Correspondence

Two draft manuscripts were tabled at the meeting. These were:

- OPCAB with the aid of Tissue Stabilisers: A Systematic Review; and
- The economic consequences of introducing Deep Brain Stimulation for the treatment of advanced Parkinson's disease in Australia.

These manuscripts have been submitted for publication. As part of the general dissemination policy, it was felt that this sort of reporting should be encouraged.

Close - Venue and Timing of Next Meeting to be Decided

It was agreed that the next meeting for 2002 would be held on 22 May 2002 at the Airport Hilton in Melbourne. The meeting closed at 4.00 pm.