

# **Minutes - 20th Meeting**

## **Minutes of the previous meeting - Twentieth Meeting 13 November 2002**

### **Draft Report of the Nineteenth Meeting, held 21 August 2002**

The report of the 19th meeting was endorsed by members, with the amendments as stated.

### **Final Reports for MSAC Endorsement**

MSAC endorsed the assessments reports and recommendations on:

- Reference No. 13 - Multifocal Multichannel Objective Perimetry
- Application No. 1048 - Intradiscal Electrothermal Anuloplasty (IDETA)

MSAC also considered reports on:

- Reference No. 6 - Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI)
- Application No. 1045 - Intra-articular viscosupplementation for osteoarthritis (Synvisc)

### **Issues Paper**

The preparation of the Issues Paper followed problems encountered in MSAC deliberations where there was often a lack of good evidence to support a positive recommendation. It was agreed that a small committee be formed to consider specifically how MSAC could articulate the implementation process in a number of regards.

### **Progress Reports on Applications and References**

Progress on Application No. 1055 - Hysteroscopic Sterilisation by Tubal Cannulation and Placement of Intrafallopian Implant was discussed. Progress reports on other applications and references were lodged on the members' web site for member's consideration.

### **Administrative Arrangements**

#### **Changed Supporting Committee Arrangements**

The paper prepared for the meeting was discussed in detail. In light of information gained over recent years it was proposed the Supporting Committee (SC) Guidelines be reviewed and rewritten. The role of the SC would be clarified and the roles of SC members would be better defined.

## **New Applications and References**

- Application No. 1060 - Bone Mineral Densitometry
- Application No. 1061 - Implantation of Insertable Loop Recorder for Diagnosis of Recurrent Unexplained Syncope

## **Other Issues**

### **Medical Treatment Overseas Program**

Mention was made of the paper provided to members on this item. MSAC had been requested to submit information on the review. The MSAC Secretariat would provide the input as necessary and advise members.

### **Report on MRCP/ERCP**

This issue was gradually being resolved following discussions with the MSAC Evaluation, Recommendations and Implementation Team in the Medicare Benefits Branch.

### **International Clinical Trials Symposium**

Professor Simes thanked everybody who participated and contributed to the Symposium. Over 700 hundred delegates attended the Symposium in Sydney in October. There were 500 delegates from Australia and more than 200 international delegates. The Symposium was a great success with the next one to be held in 4 years.

### **Pre-lodgement Consultations**

A brief overview was given on the pre-lodgement consultations undertaken since the last meeting.

### **Australian Federation of Deaf Societies**

Mr Mcallum advised the meeting that the Australian Federation of Deaf Societies had approach the Consumers Health Forum to consider looking into the provision of schedule funding for Auslan Interpreters at GP visits, for people that need interpreters.

### **Close - venue and timing of next meeting to be decided**

Dates for next years' meetings were set as follows: 5 March; 21 May; 13 August and 19 November 2003.