



# PLAC

## PROSTHESES LIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### BULLETIN

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The role of the Protheses List Advisory Committee (PLAC) is to provide recommendations to the Minister for Health on the listing of products on Part A of the Protheses List and the benefits payable for them.

The purpose of the PLAC bulletin is to provide stakeholders to the prostheses arrangements with information relevant to current and future Protheses Lists. The Bulletin is posted on the Protheses page of the Department of Health and Ageing's website and can be found at the following address:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/privatehealth-pdc-bulletin.htm>

#### FEBRUARY 2013 PROSTHESES LIST - CUT-OFF DATES FOR CLINICAL ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS TO LIST NEW PRODUCTS AND CHANGES TO CURRENT BILLING CODES

The following tables have been provided to assist sponsors in preparing applications to list new products on the February 2013 Protheses List.

The table below shows the meeting dates for the Clinical Advisory Groups and the dates by which complete and valid applications should be received to have the best possible chance to be assessed at that meeting.

Clinical Advisory Groups (CAG)	1 <sup>st</sup> meeting date	Cut-off for 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting date	Cut off for 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting
Urogenital	10 August 2012	22 June 2012	2 November 2012	14 September 2012
Cardiac	25 August 2012	6 July 2012	10 November 2012	21 September 2012
Vascular	27 August 2012	9 July 2012	5 November 2012	17 September 2012
Knees	8 September 2012	20 July 2012	17 November 2012	28 September 2012
Spinal	14 September 2012	27 July 2012	9 November 2012	21 September 2012
Ophthalmic	24 September 2012	6 July 2012	12 November 2012	24 September 2012
Cardiothoracic	28 September 2012	10 August 2012	23 November 2012	5 September 2012
Hip	28 September 2012	10 August 2012	23 November 2012	5 September 2012
Specialist Orthopaedic	28 September 2012	10 August 2012	2 November 2012	14 September 2012

The dates of the Prostheses List Advisory Committee meetings are listed below. Complete and valid applications to list new products and to change current billing codes for assessment by the Panel of Clinical Experts (PoCE) should be received at least **eight (8)** weeks before these meeting dates to have the best possible chance of being referred to the next PLAC meeting.

- 9 August 2012
- 12 September 2012
- 11 October 2012
- 21 November 2012
- 12 December 2012

**Please note:**

- The meeting dates above are correct at the time of circulation of this Bulletin.
- Meeting dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the CAG secretariats. If a meeting date changes, particularly if it is brought forward, the CAG secretariat will email sponsors to inform them about revised cut-off dates for applications.
- Applications to list new products and to amend listing details can be submitted at any time.
- The “cut-off” dates for CAG applications allow time for them to be registered, entered into the database, sent out for clinician assessment, assessments recorded and included in the meeting agenda papers.
- PoCE applications require longer lead-in times to allow applications to be thoroughly assessed. The secretariat may need to go back to the clinicians to clarify their assessments.
- While every effort will be made to process applications submitted for listing on the February 2013 Prostheses List, there may be circumstances where this cannot happen (eg further information required, ARTG inclusion not finalised).
- If a sponsor has any queries about completing or submitting an application to list a new product or to change an existing billing code, the Prostheses secretariat and/or the CAG and PoCE secretariats are happy to assist. Please call the Prostheses hotline on (02) 62899463 or email Prostheses@health.gov.au.