



Consumer webinar Health Technology Assessment Review Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) – progress update

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- The IAG's consumer representatives Ms Nicole Millis (Rare Voices Australia) and Ms Kirsten Pilatti (Breast Cancer Network Australia) hosted a second webinar for consumer organisations with Chair, Professor Andrew Wilson.
- This series of webinars is intended to help keep the consumer sector informed of the IAG's progress.
- Approximately 40 participants attended the webinar.
- Professor Wilson provided a presentation which gave an overview of:
 - key objectives and deliverables for the IAG
 - analysis frameworks developed to consider each recommendation of the HTA review 50 recommendations
 - progress to date, next steps and upcoming milestones.
- The IAG has been consulting with key bodies, including HTA committees, in undertaking its analysis to date.
- The IAG is close to finalising its recommendation-by-recommendation analysis, and in the coming months will focus on its prioritisation work and develop a roadmap for sequencing implementation.
- The IAG anticipates conducting targeted consultations with stakeholders to inform its roadmap development.
- Participants raised a number of questions about key recommendations from the HTA Review, including a definition and criteria for high unmet clinical need (HUCN) and the IAG's views on bridging funding arrangements.
- In response to questions, Professor Wilson noted Government has not yet accepted or rejected any recommendations. The IAG is considering all recommendations in developing its advice on prioritisation and a roadmap for Government consideration.
- Ms Pilatti and Ms Millis noted IAG members are ensuring any advice to Government is presented in a clear and tangible way.

- Notification of future IAG update webinars for consumer organisations will be provided via the Department of Health and Aged Care's *HTA Engage* e-newsletter. This is distributed by the department's Office of Health Technology Assessment's Consumer Evidence and Engagement Unit. For consumers looking to register for future communications on IAG webinars, a newsletter subscription link is [here](#).