

**Prostheses List Reform
Governance Group Meeting Communiqué, 7 March 2019**

The fifth meeting of the Prostheses List Reform Governance Group was held in Sydney on 7 March 2019. Attendees included representatives from the Department of Health and the Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA). This meeting was chaired by Emeritus Professor Terry Campbell AM. Chair responsibilities are shared between Professor Campbell and Mr Ian Burgess, Chief Executive Officer, MTAA.

During this meeting, the group agreed that the Revised Benefit Setting and Review Framework Industry Working Group (IWG) would commence work on the review of ways to list medical devices that did not meet the current criteria at its August meeting, to be progressed in consultation with PLAC.

The group also discussed that:

- the preparation of the final report of the Revised Benefit Setting and Review Framework IWG would be considered at the next meeting of the IWG
- assessment and listing timeframes with implementation of 3 lists per year
- data collection on unscheduled services by cardiac device companies, with the MTAA advising that it is in the process of collating the data for inclusion in a working paper.

The Governance Group acknowledged the inclusion of cardiac ablation catheters for atrial fibrillation on the Prostheses List and the MTAA proposed that lessons could be learned for future processes particularly with regard to the need for early communication and engagement with medical device companies.

Future topics to be addressed by the Revised Benefit Setting and Review Framework IWG were identified as:

- the place of rapid reviews of medical devices
- the concept of a ‘global benefit’.

The Prostheses List Reform Governance Group will reconvene in June 2019.

Further information on Industry Working Group membership and Terms of Reference can be found at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-privatehealth-prostheses-reform>

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