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Report for the review of MBS Colonoscopy items – public consultation response proforma

The review of MBS colonoscopy items is one of four 'demonstration reviews' taking place to strengthen the evidence-base of the MBS and ensure its sustainability into the future.

This form provides the opportunity for stakeholders to comment on the MBS colonoscopy review report. The report details the methods, findings and evidence-based analysis addressing the clinical research questions outlined in the review protocol. The review protocol underwent a public consultation period in November 2010 and is available for download from <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/MBRTG-demonstration-reviews>

If you wish to comment on one or more sections of the review report, please provide your comments in the relevant space below. If the number of rows provided for comments under each section is inadequate, you may insert more rows. Following completion of the form, please email it to hta@health.gov.au

or return to:

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Responses received by the **close of business on 17 August 2011** will be considered in finalising the review report for the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC). Following MSAC's consideration of the review report and other relevant information, it will provide advice to Government on any changes to MBS colonoscopy items arising from the review.

1. Author details

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2. Review clinical and research questions

The clinical and research questions developed for the review were available for comment during the public consultation process for the review protocol held in November 2010. The finalised protocol was amended as a result of that process. If you have further, general comments regarding the clinical and research questions used in this review please provide them in the space below.

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3. Literature review methodology

The literature review methodology developed for the review was available for comment during the public consultation process for the review protocol held in November 2010. The finalised protocol was amended as a result of that process. If you have further, general comments regarding the literature review methodology used in this review please provide them in the space below.

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4. Factors affecting rates of colonoscopy

This section looks at the epidemiology of bowel cancer in Australia and its relationship with colonoscopy and other large bowel investigations over time. Please provide any comments on this section in the space below. Comments may include additional evidence on this topic.

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5. Analysis of Medicare data

The review report provides an analysis of MBS colonoscopy utilisation trends. Please provide any comments on this section in the space below. Comments may include additional evidence or analysis on utilisation of MBS colonoscopy items.

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6. Literature review and Summary of Findings

Following identification of relevant studies according to the methodology outlined in the review protocol, data were extracted for all included studies and tabulated according to the review questions. Findings for each clinical and research question are described in the review report, and a 'Summary of Findings' was developed. Please provide any comments on this section in the space below. Comments may include citation of relevant literature omitted in the review report which could impact on the findings of the review report.

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7. Discussion

The discussion section summarises the findings of the report and provides suggestions for changes to MBS colonoscopy items. Note that these suggestions are NOT recommendations, rather ideas proposed to reinforce the appropriate clinical place for MBS colonoscopy items and to improve any future analysis through better alignment of MBS colonoscopy item descriptors with the reason for the colonoscopy. Please provide any comments on this section in the space below.

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General Comments

Please provide any general comments in the space below. As a guide, general comments may relate to the quality and scope of the review report, workforce issues, access and equity issues, or any other issue that you think is relevant for MSAC's consideration of this review report.

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