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Dear Ms Johnson,

Re: Managing Medicines Access Programs
Guiding principles for the governance of Medicines Access Programs in Australian hospitals

The Council of Therapeutic Advisory Groups (CATAG, www.catag.org.au) has released the following document. *Managing Medicines Access Programs. Guiding principles for the governance of Medicines Access Programs in Australian hospitals* (May 2015).

The guidance consists of five Guiding Principles, to assist drug and therapeutics committees (DTC), health professionals, consumers and pharmaceutical companies with the appropriate implementation, management, delegation of authority, provision of information and oversight of medicines access programs

The Guiding Principles for the governance of Medicines Access Programs (MAP) in Australian hospitals are:

- Guiding Principle 1: The management and oversight of all MAP should be delegated to a DTC or equivalent.
- Guiding Principle 2. Appropriate advice regarding the supply of medicines within a MAP should be provided to patients.
- Guiding Principle 3. Prescribers should comply with DTC requirements when participating in a MAP.
- Guiding Principle 4. A formal agreement should exist between pharmaceutical companies and hospitals or health service organisations when participating in MAP.
- Guiding Principle 5. Responsibilities of all parties involved in provision of a MAP should be assigned and clear.

The document is available via the CATAG website www.catag.org.au and can be downloaded as a PDF. Please disseminate this information amongst your networks.

If you would like further information about the Guiding Principles, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Jane Donnelly, Coordinator, Council of Australian Therapeutic Advisory Groups (email: catag@stvincents.com.au).

Yours Sincerely



Mr Steve Morris

Chair of CATAG