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PROSTHESES LIST – KEY DATES FOR MARCH 2019

This circular provides information for stakeholders on the indicative timeframes for submitting applications to list prostheses on the March 2019 Prostheses List.

The dates provided in the circular are correct at the time of publishing, and any change will be advised.

From 1 March 2019, the Prostheses List will be published three times per year, in accordance with a commitment in the Government's Agreement with the Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA).

In preparation for this change in processing, the Department is reviewing the schedule of meetings of the Prostheses List Advisory Committee (PLAC) and the Clinical Advisory Groups (CAGs) and requirements for submitting applications for assessment by the Panel of Clinical Experts (Panel).

A schedule of meeting dates for the CAGs is at the end of this circular. There are currently two meetings per CAG planned. It is likely that the CAGs with the larger volumes of applications (Spinal and Specialist Orthopaedic) will have two meetings. The scheduling of meetings for the other CAGs will be reviewed on the basis of volumes of applications received for consideration.

Applicants applying to list devices or applying to change current listings to be considered by the Panel should submit their applications no later than nine weeks before the last PLAC meeting in 2018, currently scheduled for 13 December 2018 to ensure the best chance of being referred to that PLAC for consideration. This will allow the minimum time required for assessment by clinicians and consideration by the Health Economics Sub Committee (HESC) (if required) before referral to the PLAC for recommendation.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Clinical Advisory Groups (CAGs)

Applicants applying to list new devices or applying to change current listings to be considered by the CAGS should submit their applications no later than six weeks before a scheduled meeting to ensure the best chance of being referred to that meeting for consideration.

Panel of Clinical Experts (Panel)

The Panel do not meet, but assess applications before each Prostheses List, to consider applications and to provide expert clinical advice to the PLAC.

Applications to transfer, duplicate or delete listings can be submitted at any time until the close of processing of applications on 11 February 2019.

Part B – Human Tissue Items

The deadline for applications to list new Human tissue items on Part B for the Prostheses list is 26 November 2018. These applications are assessed by Departmental staff and take considerable time, so please consider this when making submissions.

Category	Date of 1 st Meeting	Date of 2 nd Meeting
01. Ophthalmic	3 September 2018	12 November 2018
05. Urogenital	14 September 2018	16 November 2018
06. Specialist Orthopaedic	24 August 2018	9 November 2018
08. Cardiac	11 August 2018	20 October 2018
09. Cardiothoracic	10 August 2018	2 November 2018
10. Vascular	20 August 2018	22 October 2018
11. Hip	24 August 2018	2 November 2018
12. Knee	25 August 2018	3 November 2018
13. Spinal	10 August 2018	19 October 2018

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