

Dear Review Secretariat,

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners is a strong advocate for smoking cessation and has invested considerable resources in supporting smoking cessation as indicated in our response of 27th November 2019 to the draft Terms of Reference.

We draw your attention to the second edition of the RACGP guide Supporting smoking cessation: A guide for health professionals, which was released in January 2020. This updated guide addresses e-cigarettes, combination pharmacotherapies, higher dose nicotine replacement therapy, and high prevalence and special needs groups.

The RACGP supports the exclusion of e-cigarettes and nicotine liquids from the scope of the Terms of Reference, and commends the further review of the efficacy and safety of nicotine replacement therapy, varenicline and bupropion for smoking cessation, including combination therapies not currently PBS subsidised.

We wish to re-emphasise the importance of appropriate dosing strategies for nicotine replacement therapy and further consideration of more flexible prescribing options for the PBS listed smoking cessation medicines to assist with effective combination therapies.

Thank you,

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