



REVIEW OF THE MEDICINES AUSTRALIA CODE OF CONDUCT

An invitation to make a submission

Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia

**Review of the Medicines Australia Code of Conduct
Consultation Submission Form – Cover Sheet**

Please complete the form below and attach it to your submission.

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1. Does this submission reflect the views of the organisation or individual?

- An individual An organisation/company

If the submission reflects the views of an organisation/company please include the details of the organisation at Q2

2. Contact Details

Name: _____ Margaret Springgay _____

Organisation/Company: Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia _____

Address:

Phone No: Fax:

Email:

3. My submission is confidential/not confidential

- Confidential Not confidential

4. Medicines Australia can include my name, and where relevant the name of the organisation or company I represent, with my submission on the Medicines Australia website at the conclusion of the submission period.

- Yes No

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- Yes No

Name: (Please print) Margaret Springgay _____

Signature: _____

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Review of the Medicines Australia Code of Conduct 'Submission Template'

1. General Comments

Please provide your responses in the relevant spaces in the template. It is not necessary to comment on all provisions of the Code. You are not limited to the space provided in the template. You also have the opportunity to include any general comments on the Code in the template.

Format of the Code:

Good – readable & clear

Content of the Code:

A very good document

2. Specific Comments (Sections of the Code – eg 1.1)

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Section 1 Nature and availability of information and claims

Provision number	Comment
1.4	Could be clearer – does this mean written approval with each occurrence of his/her name? Or approval can be done once for all subsequent?

Section 2 Types of Product Information

Provision number	Comment
2.1.2	Such alteration is approved in writing? Can it be verbal approval?
2.2.3	Clinically significant drug/drug interactions [not clear in text]
2.4.1	Not clear what happens to boxed warning after 12 months? Should it go under contraindications?

Section 3 Promotional Material

Provision number	Comment

Section 4 Company Representatives

Provision number	Comment

Section 5 Product Starter Packs

Provision number	Comment

Section 6 Involvement in educational symposia, congresses and satellite meetings

Provision number	Comment

Section 7 Sponsorship

Provision number	Comment

Section 8 Research

Provision number	Comment
8.1.5	Advise ADRAC of it's intentions in writing? Would verbal do?
8.2.2	Also not based on number of prescriptions? Written by consultant

Section 9 Relationship with the general public

Provision number	Comment
9.2.1	Do they have to specify that a warning is boxed and is significance of the boxed warning understood by the public? How do the public know this?
9.6.2	Again public may not be aware that warning is boxed & significant

Section 10 Relationship with healthcare professionals

Provision number	Comment

Section 11 Administration of the Code

Provision number	Comment

Section 12 Sanctions

Provision number	Comment
12.1.2	What happens after the imposed fine if they still don't take corrective action? I would refer to 12.1.4 about repeated breaches

Section 13 Appeals

Provision number	Comment
13.2	No carer representatives?

Section 14 Monitoring

Provision number	Comment

Section 15 Compliance Procedures

Provision number	Comment

Section 16 Reporting

Provision number	Comment