

Code & Appeals Committee Panel members, 2025 – 2027

Name	Role	Term
Jason Korke	Chair	Term two ends Dec 2027
Michael Daniel	Chair	Term two ends Dec 2027
Catherine Bembrick	Chair	Term two ends Dec 2027
Dr John Gullotta AM	Nominated by the AMA	Term two ends Dec 2027
Dr Jonathan Brett	Nominated by ASCEPT	Term one ends Dec 2027
Dr Joel Iedema	Nominated by ASCEPT	Term two ends Dec 2027
Dr Rod Pearce AM	Nominated by AGPN	Term two ends Dec 2027
Dr Catherine Streeton	Nominated by RACP	Term two ends Dec 2027
Dr Christian Gericke	Nominated by RACP	Term two ends Dec 2027
Prof Arduino A. Mangoni	Nominated by RACP	Term two ends Dec 2027
Dr Michael Tam	Nominated by RACGP	Term two ends Dec 2027
Dr Martine Walker	Nominated by RACGP	Term two ends Dec 2027
Jodie Lydeker	Nominated by BCNA	Term one ends Dec 2027
Jennifer Morris	Nominated by Health Consumers Centre	Term one ends Dec 2027
Jonathan Smithers	Nominated by Arthritis Australia	Term one ends Dec 2027

Not everyone participates in a Code or Appeals meeting. The above members are part of a panel, from whom are allocated to meetings in accordance with the requirements for meetings and quorum as set out in Section 16 of the Code of Conduct Edition 20 (Committees), the nature of the complaint, their availability as well as ensuring no conflicts of interests exist. In addition to these 'full' members of the Code/Appeals Committee, others are invited to attend on an invitational basis in accordance with the Code and the complaint being reviewed, such as representatives from Medicines Australia members and specialists.

[Jason Korke \(Chair, Lawyer with competition and consumer law experience\)](#)

Jason has a Bachelor of Laws degree and came to the Victorian Bar in 2014. He practises extensively in family law and associated jurisdictions, as well as in a broad range of commercial and other matters. He appears in proceedings including child protection proceedings, retail and residential tenancy disputes, review of administrative decisions, partnership disputes, and criminal matters prosecuted by non-police bodies such as the ATO and local authorities.

Jason is also a Nationally Accredited Mediator. He has wide experience in all aspects of therapeutic goods/medicines regulation including the regulation of advertising and other promotional activity. He is also a Chair of the Medical Technology Association of Australia Code Monitoring Committee.

[Michael Daniel \(Chair, Lawyer with competition and consumer law experience\)](#)

Michael Daniel is the Founder and Principal of Resolve Litigation Lawyers. With more than 30 years' experience specialising in Competition & Consumer Law, Commercial and Regulatory Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Michael's extensive career has included partnership with PricewaterhouseCoopers. Michael has broad experience in the health sector, acting in a range of

professional misconduct matters, conducted proceedings in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal concerning the establishment of a new pharmacy, provided an independent audit report to the ACCC on Competition & Consumer Law compliance by a major health insurance provider and acted for pharmaceutical companies on product recall procedures and consumer law litigation in the Federal Court of Australia.

[Catherine Bembrick \(Chair, Lawyer with competition and consumer law experience\)](#)

Ms Catherine Bembrick is a Barrister at 5 Wentworth Chambers specialising in competition and consumer law, intellectual property, employment and general commercial litigation. Prior to commencing at the Bar Ms Bembrick was a Senior Associate at Allens in the competition and consumer group and an Associate at Slaughter and May in London. Catherine has also acted as Associate to the Hon Justice Bennett AO of the Federal Court of Australia and in 2009 was awarded a Master of Laws degree with first class honours from the University of Cambridge. Ms Bembrick has considerable experience in the health sector including advising and appearing for pharmaceutical and medical device clients in respect of intellectual property disputes and the application of Part IV of the Competition and Consumer Act

[Dr John Gullotta AM - GP nominated by the Australian Medical Association \(AMA\)](#)

Dr John Gullotta has been a General Practitioner in Matraville, Sydney, since 1992. He graduated with honours from Newcastle University in 1991, after completing a degree in Pharmacy at the University of Sydney in 1986.

Dr Gullotta has extensive involvement in academia, medical organisations, media and community service. He served as President of the Australian Medical Association (NSW), and subsequently admitted to the AMA's Role of Fellows in recognition of the sterling service and years of dedication. He is the recipient of many awards including the Inaugural University of Newcastle Alumni Medal and the University of Sydney 2007 Alumni Award, and his contribution to the profession was acknowledged when he was appointed Member in the Order of Australia, AM for "*service to medicine through a range of executive roles with professional medical associations and as a general practitioner, and to the Italian community*".

[Dr Jonathan Brett - nominated by the Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists \(ASCEPT\).](#)

Dr Jonathan Brett is a senior staff specialist in clinical pharmacology, toxicology, and addiction medicine at St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, and a clinical toxicologist with the NSW Poisons Centre. He serves as a conjoint Associate Professor at St. Vincent's Clinical School and a Senior Research Fellow with the Medicines and Health Intelligence Unit at UNSW's School of Population Health. His research focuses on neuropsychopharmacology, drugs of abuse, and medication use in pregnancy. Dr. Brett holds a PhD in pharmacoepidemiology and has expertise in large-scale observational studies, clinical trials of psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy, and clinical service evaluation.

[Dr Joel Iedema - nominated by the Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists \(ASCEPT\).](#)

Dr Joel Iedema is a specialist clinical pharmacologist and endocrinologist and an Australian Society for Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology and Toxicology (ASCEPT) nominated member of the committee. His current position is as the COVID Vaccination Lead for Metro South Health in Brisbane. He has a strong interest and experience in health management, with a focus on medicines management.

[Dr Rod Pearce AM – GP nominated by the Australian General Practice Network \(AGPN\)](#)

Dr Rod Pearce is a practicing grass roots General Practitioner (GP) and policy adviser. He has been President of The Australian Medical Association (SA), GP Nationally Elected Representative on the Federal AMA, and Chair of the AMA Council of General Practice. In 2008 he was appointed by the then Health Minister, The Hon. Nicola Roxon, to the External Reference Group to develop Australia's National Primary Health Care Strategy for the national health reforms.

He is a member of the Asia Pacific Alliance for the Control of Influenza (APACI) and former Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) member. In 2012 Dr Pearce was admitted to the Order of Australia (AM) for service to medicine as a general practitioner, through contributions to national medical organisations, and to education.

[Dr Michael Tam - GP nominated by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners \(RACGP\)](#)

Dr Michael Tam is a clinical academic Specialist General Practitioner, combining the provision of family medicine, research, health services development, and governance. Michael's clinical interest is in the whole-person primary care of people living with mental illness. His research is in integrated care and preventive care in general practice.

[Dr Martine Walker - GP nominated by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners \(RACGP\)](#)

Dr Martine Walker is a general practitioner in Sydney nominated by the RACGP. Dr Walker is a full time general practitioner in Sydney, general practice medical educator and examiner for the Royal Australian College of General Practice. She has post graduate qualifications in Paediatrics and Women's Health.

[Dr Catherine Streeton – Specialist Physician nominated by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians \(RACP\)](#)

Dr Catherine Streeton is a specialist physician nominated by the RACP. Dr Streeton is a Public Health Physician and Epidemiologist specialising in infectious diseases and vaccine development. Dr Streeton maintains a keen interest in preventative medicine, immunisation & all aspects of travel medicine, sexual health, and family planning. She is employed as a Public Health Physician at the Royal Women's and Austin hospitals. She also works in private practice in Melbourne. She has extensive experience in vaccine research and development and health outcomes research including quality use of medicines. Qualifications include MBBS, MAppEpid, FAFPHM, Grad Cert Health Economics, CTM.

[Dr Christian Gericke – Specialist Physician nominated by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians \(RACP\)](#)

Professor Christian Gericke, MD PhD MPH MSc MBA FRACP FAFPHM, is a neurologist, public health physician and health economist. He is Clinical Director of Neurology at The Prince Charles Hospital in Brisbane and Professor of Medicine at the University of Queensland. He serves as Specialist Advisor for the Therapeutic Goods Administration and the National Blood Authority. His research interests span a wide area – from health policy and management to bioethics and clinical neurology. He chairs the Royal Australasian College of Physicians' Research Committee and is a Member of the American Academy of Neurology's Health Services Research Committee.

[Prof. Arduino A. Mangoni – Specialist Physician nominated by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians \(RACP\)](#)

Professor Arduino A Mangoni trained in Cardiology, Clinical Pharmacology and General Medicine in Milan, Boston and London. He was awarded a PhD in Pharmacology at King's College, University of London, in 2003. He was appointed Senior Lecturer (2003-2007) and Associate Professor (2007-2009) in Clinical Pharmacology at Flinders University before taking up the Chair in Medicine of Old Age at the University of Aberdeen, UK (2010-2012). Since 2013, he is Strategic Professor of Clinical Pharmacology and Head of Department at Flinders University. His research interests include metabolomics and ageing, drug discovery and geriatric clinical pharmacology.

[Ms Jodie Lydeker – Consumer representative nominated by the Breast Cancer Network Australia \(BCNA\)](#)

Jodie Lydeker has been a senior executive with state and federal governments leading system-wide reforms in criminal justice, education, mental health, and anti-corruption. Following two breast cancer diagnoses, Jodie now works part-time as a consumer consultant helping health organisations deliver strategic policy and improvement projects. She's also a statutory decision maker with the National Redress Scheme for institutional child sexual abuse.

Jodie has tertiary qualifications in law and business, and professional certifications in change management, project management, community engagement, and board governance. She has also studied implementation science and clinical governance.

[Ms Jennifer Morris – Consumer representative nominated by the Health Consumers Centre](#)

Jen Morris is a patient, consumer and community representative working in healthcare regulation, with special interests in patient safety and ethical practice. She works in a variety of roles across the healthcare sector to ensure community voices, needs and expectations are incorporated into decision-making at all levels. In 2024, she was inducted into the Victorian Honor Roll of Women for her outstanding service advocating for improved patient safety in the healthcare system.

[Mr Jonathan Smithers – Consumer representative nominated by Arthritis Australia](#)

Jonathan qualified as a UK lawyer in 1986 and worked in his own practice for 30 years. He served on the Council of the Law Society of England and Wales, culminating in appointment as its President in 2015/16. He moved to Canberra in 2016 when appointed as CEO of the Law Council of Australia. In 2020, Jonathan was appointed as the CEO of Arthritis Australia, the peak consumer body for arthritis and musculoskeletal disease in Australia. Building on the achievements of his predecessors providing advocacy and policy, consumer information resources and a research programme on behalf of Australians with arthritis.