

Request for GP and Network Representation

Lead Agency/Program: **SA Health – South Australian Medicines Advisory Committee**

Representative Group: South Australian Medicines Advisory Committee (SAMAC)

Objective:

This initiative is aimed at advising and supporting SA Health in the effective formulation of policy to address the many challenges facing SA in the near to long term future with regards to the governance of the management of medicines.

SAMAC will provide a resource for SA Health, South Australian hospitals, healthcare professionals and consumers on information relating to the equitable and quality use of medicines in SA. By working to ensure the safe, clinically and cost-effective, appropriate and equitable use of medicines, SAMAC aims to contribute positively to the health of South Australians and the performance of the health system.

Chaired by Professor Emeritus Lloyd Sansom AG, SAMAC will operate as an expert committee of SA Health, reporting to Portfolio Executive through the Pharmaceutical Services and Strategy Branch of the Public Health and Clinical Coordination Division.

SAMAC will be supported by a number of multidisciplinary expert standing committees and working groups to address specific medicines issues. These committees will provide stakeholders with opportunities for robust discussion, debate, and evaluation of medicines issues.

Role of SAMAC:

- Providing objective evaluation of the clinical benefits, safety and costs of medicines that are proposed for use in public health facilities to promote rational therapeutic drug use;
- Developing and implementing best practice standards and guidelines for drug use within South Australia to promote standardisation of best practice in the Quality Use of Medicines;
- Gathering information and undertaking research, monitoring and reporting in relation to medicines use in South Australia in the effort to improve the quality of patient care;
- Providing a focal point for sharing resources and information relating to the Quality Use of Medicines;
- Initiating and promoting educational programmes relating to drug therapy to improve the use and selection of medicines by health professionals and to enable consumers to make informed decisions on the use of medicines.

Participation requested: GP Representative

Compensation: Sitting fee as per SA Health policy at GPSA hourly rate (\$144 per hour).

Meetings: The first meeting will be held on **27 July 2010, 2.00-4.00 pm**. Further details and meeting schedule to be advised.

Membership: The governing group of SAMAC will have broad ranging membership including representatives from the regional health services; the Chief Pharmacist SA Health; the Chief Medical Officer SA Health; the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer SA Health; the Chief Psychiatrist SA Health; representatives from the Operations Division or Statewide Services and Strategy Divisions and the Finance and Administration Division SA Health; representative from the private hospital sector; a representative from General Practice SA; consumer representative.

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Further information: For more details, including draft terms of reference, please visit the [SAMAC website](#)

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Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest and a brief CV should be forwarded to General Practice SA by **Thursday, 24 June 2010** together with a letter of support from the Division.

Please email to Jenny Sadler at jenny.sadler@gpsa.org.au.

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