



# Patient Engagement and PTAC

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Te Whatu Ora Te Toka Tumai

# What is PTAC?

## Pharmacology and Therapeutics Advisory Committee

- 13 clinicians + CAC Member.
- 4 PTAC meetings per year.
- Functions of PTAC:
  - Provide objective clinical advice to Pharmac on community and hospital pharmaceutical – critical appraisal of applications.
  - Make recommendations to Pharmac Board on funding of pharmaceuticals.
  - PTAC advice must reflect Crown's obligations and expectations under te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- PTAC members attend meetings and provide support to Pharmac's 21 Specialist Advisory Committees (SAC's)
  - Expert advisory committees within specific therapeutic areas.
  - PTAC review SAC minutes.

# Pharmac's Decision- Making Framework

PHARMAC's Factors for Consideration <sup>1</sup>



# Patient Engagement: Patient-based evidence vs patient participation

- Review all correspondence from patients and advocacy groups relating to an application.
- Crucial to inform NZ-specific health need – impact of disease and HRQoL of patients in NZ
  - Clinical trials undertaken overseas.
  - Paucity of HRQoL evidence in applications.
  - Clinical trial evidence may not reflect what's important to patients and their whanau/carers in NZ.
  - Are the currently funded options effective, easy to use, and tolerable?
- Consumer applications same as non-consumer applications.
- CAC member on PTAC has made a difference to PTAC discussions.
  - Consumer members attend SAC meetings.
- Video presentations within PTAC meeting from patient advocacy groups (Myeloma NZ, Motor Neurone Disease NZ).
- Clinicians – patient engagement in hospitals, clinics, community.