

News Bulletin

Cancer Pain Guidelines released for public consultation

Fellows are advised that evidence-based clinical practice guidelines for cancer pain management in adults are now available for public consultation. These have been developed by a team lead by the Chair of the National Pain Summit's Cancer Pain and Palliative Care Working Group, Dr Melanie Lovell, and working in collaboration with ImPaCCT NSW, the guidelines are further evidence of the National Pain Strategy in action.

The guidelines include recommendations based on patient-centred care, for screening, assessment, education, and pharmacological and non-pharmacological pain management strategies and will be piloted in the first six months of 2013, before being rolled out Australia-wide. Public comment is open until 11 January 2013. [View the guidelines and comment.](#)

The Faculty will be making a submission. Fellows who may wish to contribute to that submission should contact [Milton Cohen](#).

Change to telehealth geographical eligibility

Fellows are advised that from January 1, 2013 the geographic eligibility criteria for telehealth Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS) items will be amended. For more information, [click here](#).

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