

# Health Policy Advisory Committee on Technology (HealthPACT)

## About us

HealthPACT provides oversight of a national horizon scanning program established to provide health departments in Australia and New Zealand with advance notice of significant new and emerging healthcare technologies.

HealthPACT offers jurisdictional representatives opportunities to exchange information and evaluate the potential impact of emerging technologies on their respective health systems.

HealthPACT is represented by all Australian state and territory health departments, the Australian Department of Health, the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC), the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), the Therapeutic Goods Administration, and the New Zealand National Health Committee.

# Strategic Plan 2015-2020

## Vision

To be the leading horizon scanning organisation in Australia and New Zealand for healthcare technology.

## Purpose

To support decision making regarding the adoption and use of healthcare technologies. HealthPACT provides the Hospitals Principal Committee (HPC), its jurisdictional members and other policy makers with timely, authoritative, evidence-based advice about emerging healthcare technologies and their potential impact on health services and existing technologies within an Australian and New Zealand context.

## Values

### Leadership

By harnessing expertise to identify healthcare technology that supports best practice, next generation clinical care.

### Excellence

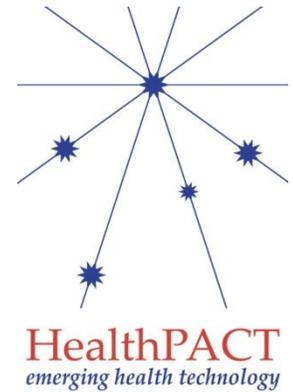
By providing authoritative, evidence-based advice regarding national health technology issues and continuously reflecting on the value of our product.

### Responsiveness

By responding to emerging national healthcare technology issues in a timely manner, and providing an early warning system for new and emerging healthcare technologies.

### Collaboration

By fostering links with, jurisdictions, regulatory and professional clinical colleges, industry and international Health Technology Assessment (HTA) agencies to inform optimal and appropriate health technology decision making.



## Governance

HealthPACT is a sub-committee of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) and reports directly to the Hospitals Principal Committee (HPC).

The AHMAC is the advisory and support body to the COAG Health Council (CHC). It operates to deliver health services more efficiently through a coordinated approach on matters of mutual interest. AHMAC is responsible for providing effective and efficient support to the CHC by advising on strategic issues relating to the coordination of health services across the nation and, as applicable, with New Zealand; and operating as a national forum for planning, information sharing and innovation.

The HPC is one of six principal committees of AHMAC and provides advice to AHMAC on a range of issues including the appropriateness, likely impact, policy implications, effectiveness and safety of clinical and technical developments.

## Healthcare Technology

Healthcare technology is defined as prevention and rehabilitation, vaccines\*, pharmaceuticals\* and devices, medical and surgical procedures, and the systems within which health is protected and maintained<sup>1</sup>.

\*Pharmaceuticals and vaccines are however not a part of HealthPACT's remit.

<sup>1</sup>The International Network of Agencies for Health Technology Assessment (INAHTA)

## Objectives

To achieve its vision, fulfil its purpose and promote its values HealthPACT will:

Core Objectives	Action plan
<b>Provide</b> early identification and early assessment of new and emerging healthcare technologies of national relevance to the HPC, its jurisdictional members and other stakeholders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Utilise an internationally recognised early alert system to identify health technologies on the horizon.</li><li>• Collaborate with national and international agencies to exchange information about new and emerging healthcare technologies and build a broader community of interest.</li></ul>
<b>Target</b> technologies with the greatest potential for impact. This includes identifying opportunities for disinvestment in healthcare technology where appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review criteria for priority setting.</li><li>• Undertake health technology assessments as requested by HPC and its jurisdictional members.</li><li>• Leverage the work of other jurisdictions and monitor other horizon scanning agencies to avoid duplication of effort.</li></ul>
<b>Adopt</b> a focused and systematic approach to developing advice taking into consideration the potential threats, opportunities, likely future developments, social and ethical implications of current and emerging healthcare technologies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Articulate authoritative, evidence-based advice to stakeholders about health technologies in the form of recommendations to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– support adoption into clinical practice; or</li><li>– continue to monitor; or</li><li>– do not support adoption into clinical practice at this time</li></ul></li></ul>

Supporting Objectives	Action Plan
<b>Stimulate</b> a system-wide dialogue about national healthcare technologies and trends that require a strategic approach and set a broad policy directive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implement the HealthPACT communication plan.</li><li>• Communicate with the HPC regarding HealthPACT agenda and activities.</li></ul>
<b>Promote</b> the role and products of HealthPACT within and at all levels of the health system to support decision making.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Publish and distribute a post HealthPACT meeting communique concisely describing healthcare technologies.</li><li>• Commit to improving the way HealthPACT communicates with all stakeholders.</li></ul>