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21/07/2000 09:44

To: Grahame Dickson/TGA/Health@Health\_gov\_au  
cc: Graeme Harris/TGA/Health@Health\_gov\_au

Subject: Tafenoquine and external delegation

Dr Dickson

Please refer to the attached email, sent to Kerri in your absence -  
Currently Major Scott Kitchener has distributed the SAS cat B/C forms to the doctors likely to  
want to prescribe Tafenoquine for vivax malaria.

We have given 2 previous approvals for Tafenoquine under SAS - in 1999 and 2000.

Also, for your information, a letter has been drafted by Graeme Harris and the Legal Unit (signed  
by Leonie Hunt) advising Dr George Blackwood that the 19(5) given to him in May of this year  
is not valid.

I have received the first 7 SAS applications from the army - they are in the internal mail.

Nikki

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14/07/2000 13:15

To: Kerri Mackay/TGA/Health@Health\_gov\_au  
cc: Graeme Harris/TGA/Health@Health\_gov\_au

Subject: Tafenoquine and external delegation

Kerri

This is the background information relating to the tafenoquine issue and the Army Malaria  
Institute (AMI).

The AMI submitted 19(5) applications for a number of their doctors to prescribe tafenoquine to  
patients that fell outside the guidelines of the clinical trial that they were conducting. The  
doctors had been endorsed by the AMI which is not a suitable endorsing body for a 19(5)  
application under Regulation 12B and nor is the ethics committee of the Health Services of the  
Defense Forces an appropriate endorsing body under this regulation.

It was, therefore, suggested to Major Scott Kitchener that it could be arranged for tafenoquine  
to be added to the list of drugs, which the army has external delegation to approve supply under  
s.57 of the Act. Major Kitchener was told that in the interim, if there were urgent cases the TGA  
would be happy to accept SAS applications.

The issue had been sitting dormant for a few weeks, in which time we had not received any  
SAS applications from Major Kitchener.

This week, I began looking into external delegation and it was brought to my attention that the  
AMI would need to submit a letter, addressing a number of criteria, to the TGA. The letter  
would have to be over the signature of the Director General of the Health Services for the Army.  
I informed Scott of this on Wednesday, at which time he submitted a letter to the Director

General for his signature.

Major Sue Turner (ph. 6266 3924) received this letter and her phone call, via yourself, was seeking further information about external delegation and why the AMI doctor's had applied for it. I explained to her why the army's ethics committees were inappropriate endorsing bodies and that it was our suggestion that they seek to add tafenoquine to the list of drugs they have external delegation over.

She discussed it with Colonel Neale Burton, her supervisor, and the conclusion was that he is not happy for the army doctor's to have external delegation to prescribe this product and he would prefer that it be dealt with via the SAS. She reiterated Scott's sentiment that there would only be a handful of patients (approx. 12) requiring tafenoquine under SAS.

I told her that it was their choice whether they choose to sign the letter or not and that the TGA would be prepared to accept applications under the SAS for tafenoquine.

Regards

Nikki