

Australian College of Nurse Practitioners response to:

Australian Department of Health
Therapeutic Goods Administration

Increased online access to ingredient information

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ARTG excipients project
Scientific Operations Management Section
Scientific Evaluation Branch
Therapeutic Goods Administration
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Dear Therapeutic Goods Administration,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response to the Increased online access to ingredient information. The Australian College of Nurse Practitioners is the peak body representing Nurse Practitioners and nurses working in Advanced Practice.

1. Which is your preferred option? Why?

The Australian College of Nurse Practitioners prefers option 1A. In the interest of public safety, this is the best option, as it allows the greatest amount of information to be available.

2. What are the risks and benefits (e.g. commercial, consumer safety, innovation) for each of the options proposed?

The Australian College of Nurse Practitioners understands that there may be minor impacts on commercial enterprises, particularly innovations in relation to some excipient ingredients, however this should not take any priority over safety. The benefits significantly outweigh the risks.

3. If Option 1A or 1B is implemented, are you interested in collaborating

The Australian College of Nurse Practitioners is interested in collaborating with TGA on the ARTG excipients project, and commits to contributing to this, and any other relevant consultation processes.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in this important review.

Yours sincerely



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