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Dear DHBs and other interested parties

Call for nominations for two Members to the Tender Medical Evaluation Subcommittee of PTAC

PHARMAC is seeking nominations for two positions on the Tender Medical Evaluation Subcommittee of PTAC following the expiry of two members terms. PHARMAC seeks nominations for hospital doctors with a broad range of expertise.

Subcommittee Background

The Tender Medical Evaluation Subcommittee has two face-to-face, all-day meetings each year, in May and November. Members may meet by teleconference once or twice a year. The Subcommittee provides clinical advice to PHARMAC on the clinical issues relating to the tendering of pharmaceuticals.

At its May meeting, the Subcommittee considers whether there would be any clinical issues resulting from the awarding of a tender, for each chemical PHARMAC received a bid for. This often involves considering the issues involved with switching patients for the particular pharmaceutical, the appropriateness of pack size or packaging type, taste of oral liquids, and any other clinical issues the Subcommittee considers should be accounted for the PHARMAC Board's consideration of the particular tender.

The November meeting is to consider the clinical issues associated with tendering products on PHARMAC's proposed tender list for that year. At this stage the Subcommittee considers whether there would be clinical issues associated with tendering those products.

The Subcommittee comprises of the following members:

| Name | Occupation |
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| Dr Paul Tomlinson | Paediatrician |
| Geoff Savell | Pharmacist |
| Andrea Shirtcliffe | Pharmacist |
| Dr Jim Lello | General Practitioner |
| Dr Tom Thompson | Physician |
| Sarah Fitt | Hospital Pharmacist |

The Subcommittee is currently chaired by Dr Paul Tomlinson (PTAC Deputy Chair).

Nomination process

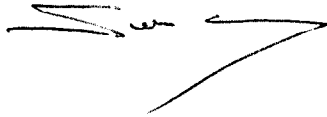
Please provide the name, organisation, contact details and reasons for the nomination of any nominees to Mike Bignall at PHARMAC by **10 February 2006**.

Once nominations are received, the PHARMAC Board will make a decision on which individuals will be appointed to the Subcommittee. All nominees will be informed of the PHARMAC Board's decision on the Subcommittee's membership.

Please distribute this letter to relevant people within your organisation who you think may wish to nominate someone for the Subcommittee. A list of those groups that have received this letter is included on the following page.

If you require any further details please contact Mike Bignall (Ph: 04 9167 562; email: mike.bignall@pharmac.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steffan Crausaz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Steffan Crausaz
Acting Manager, Supply Side

This letter has been sent to various organisations including:

DHB D&T committees
DHB Chief Pharmacists
DHB Chief Medical Advisors
College of Physicians
Council of Medical Colleges
New Zealand Medical Association
New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists
Australian & New Zealand College of Anaesthetists