

# WHAT CATAG DOES

1. Expert, consensus-based and focused collaboration with new and existing strategic partners across Australia to influence clinical practice to ensure a quality use of medicines approach is considered in both policy and practice.
2. Resources to guide decision-making processes at the local and jurisdictional levels to facilitate prescribing for cost effective, quality use of medicines across the health care continuum and fostering equity of patient access to safe, cost-effective and affordable medicines nationally.
3. Effective communication and information sharing through the network of CATAG members, to ensure a strategic, high-level, cohesive approach to therapeutic issues of national importance to support



# CATAG

Council of Australian  
Therapeutic Advisory Groups

## WHO WE ARE

A collaborative of all Australian state and territory therapeutic or medicines advisory groups

## GOALS

Optimising medicines use in Australia's public hospitals and at transitions of care.

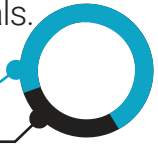
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# WHY CATAG MATTERS

1. Virtually all therapeutically complex and/or new drugs are first used in hospitals, with three quarters (73%) used in public hospitals.

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27% private hospitals and community pharmacies



2. Rapidly increasing medicines expenditure in hospitals. (20% of PBS spending was in hospitals in 2017, and this is growing rapidly.)



3. Specialist and hospital prescribing, are major predictors of subsequent prescribing by GPs and throughout the healthcare system



4. Australia's public hospitals provide the majority of training for the next generation of general practice and specialist prescribers.

