



# Optimising medicines use in Australian hospitals

## WHO WE ARE

The Council of Australian Therapeutic Advisory Groups (CATAG) is the peak national advisory body, uniting state and territory therapeutic or medicines advisory groups in a collaborative network. We are dedicated to advancing the Quality Use of Medicines (QUM) across Australia's hospitals and during transitions of care.

## MISSION

CATAG strengthens medicines governance and management within the Australian healthcare system, supporting the implementation of the National Medicines Policy.

Through collaboration and evidence-based guidance we promote equitable, safe, effective and cost-effective use of medicines - to achieve the best possible health outcomes for all Australians and contributing to a sustainable health system.

## VISION

To foster a nationally integrated approach to QUM that enhances equity of access to medicines for consumers across the continuum of care.

## OUR CORE VALUES



### QUALITY USE OF MEDICINES (QUM)

timely, safe, effective, and cost-effective use of medicines



### EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

decisions grounded in current clinical evidence and best practice.



### COLLABORATION

a national network reducing practice variation



### EQUITY

advocating for equitable access, particularly for non-PBS indications, rare diseases, and high-cost treatments

## WHAT WE DO

- supports medicines-related decision-making
- supports hospitals to improve safety, sustainability and consumer trust
- facilitates mechanisms for robust medicines governance
- fosters equity of access to safe, cost-effective and affordable medicines
- promotes involving consumers in healthcare decision-making
- builds capacity through knowledge sharing
- supports hospital decision-makers in applying evidence and translating it into clinical practice.



Facilitating Quality Use of Medicines (QUM) within Australia's public hospitals, area health services and state/territory health systems