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Advisory Committee on Medical Devices

Meeting statement

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Role of the Advisory Committee on Medical Devices (ACMD) in the TGA's regulatory decision making process

The Advisory Committee on Medical Devices (ACMD) is a statutory advisory committee established by the Therapeutic Goods Regulations 1990.

The TGA currently has ten statutory advisory committees from which it can obtain independent expert advice on specific scientific and technical matters to aid the TGA's regulatory decision making and other regulatory processes. The ACMD provides advice to the TGA on, amongst other things, matters relating to premarket conformity assessment.

The advice provided by the ACMD is an important element in the undertaking of the regulatory functions of the TGA. However, it forms only part of the information that is available to, for instance, a TGA delegate making a regulatory decision under the Therapeutic Goods Act. While appropriate consideration will be given to such advice, it is important to note that neither the TGA nor a TGA delegate is obliged to follow it.

It should also be noted that information about advice provided by the committee may not become publicly available for some time after a committee has provided that advice. The purpose of this Meeting Statement is to describe in general terms the matters considered by the committee at each meeting and for it to be available as soon as reasonably practical after the relevant meeting.

Update on matters where the Committee previously provided advice and a TGA decision has been made

The committee received an update on the therapeutic goods considered at the previous meeting held on 9 February 2015. It was noted that the applications are still under consideration by the TGA delegate.

Overview of the therapeutic goods referred for advice

At the ACMD 19th meeting the committee considered a device application submitted under the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) inclusion application process. The device was:

- A percutaneous guide wire used during percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty or percutaneous coronary intervention.

The committee also considered a device undergoing conformity assessment. The device was:

- A transcatheter heart valve system

The committee considered whether the benefits outweighed the risks for the devices and whether sufficient supporting data had been provided to demonstrate safety and performance through compliance with the Essential Principles.

The committee's advice has now been provided to the TGA for consideration as part of the TGA's regulatory decision making processes.

Further information

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