

5 November 2010

OUTCOMES STATEMENT

Meeting Summary 5 November 2010

The tenth meeting of the Diagnostic Services Reference Group was held at the Airport Hilton Hotel, Melbourne on 5 November 2010.

Chair:

Peter Garcia-Webb NEHTA clinical lead

Representation at the meeting:

Ashley Bennett	NEHTA clinical lead
Paul Carroll	Queensland Health
Damien Cunningham	NEHTA project manager
Philip Dubois	Australian Diagnostic Imaging Association
Elizabeth Hanley	Australian Safety and Quality Commission
Sean Holmes	NEHTA Program Manager
Rob Hosking	NEHTA clinical lead
Vince Macauley	MSIA
Geraldine Robertson	Consumer Health Forum
Owen Smalley	Department of Health ACT (co-chair)
Janet Wale	Consumer Health Forum
Paul Williams	NEHTA Executive
Sue Watkins	NEHTA

Apologies

Lawrie Bott	Royal College of Pathologists
Katherine McGrath	Australian Association of Pathology Practices
Jennifer Muller	Breastscreen Australia
Hugh Greville	NEHTA clinical lead
Graham Grieve	MSIA
Michael Guerin	NEHTA clinical lead
Nick Ferris	Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists
Jackie Stuart-Smith	Department of Health and Ageing (DOHA)
Roger Wilson	National Coalition of Public Pathology

The meeting had the following objectives:

- Review Actions list since last meeting
- Discuss any inter-Reference Group concerns or issues

Summary of Actions:

- Members reviewed amendments to the NEHTA Strategic Plan.
- Members discussed the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR) and it was agreed that the Program Manager would liaise with the PCEHR team to establish requirements for the DSRG. Issues such as re-ordering diagnostic tests due to a lack of information regarding previous testing history are costly and time consuming for patients, health care funders and providers alike. Improved access to electronic diagnostic information will minimise these costs and standards for message structure and connectivity for transmission of results will reduce variability of results and interpretation. This will also support the development of the Diagnostics components of the PCEHR. Sean Holmes to develop an options paper on potential solutions for PCEHR.
- Damien Cunningham updated the group on the current status of the BreastScreen Concept of Operations.
- Damien Cunningham provided the group with an update for the Radiology Environmental Scan and requested sub-groups be formed from the DSRG to revise the scope. It was noted the revised Concept of Operations early draft is expected in March/April 2011.
- The group was advised there is planned a Radiology Environmental scan workshop which is anticipated to be held in November/December 2010.
- Elizabeth Hanley provided a presentation of Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI's) It was noted an adoption plan would be developed before the work starts. A sub-group is to be formed to incorporate adoption.