
NEHTA Diagnostic Services Reference Group (DRSG) Meeting 2
Melbourne Hilton Airport
Friday, 1st May 2009, 09:30 – 15:00

Meeting Summary 1st May 2009

The second meeting of the Diagnostic Services Reference Group was held in Melbourne on the 1st May 2009 at the Hilton, Melbourne Airport.

Co-Chairs:

Owen Smalley	ACT Health
Peter Garcia Webb	AMA

Representation at the meeting included:

Nick Ferris	RANZCR
Julie Potter	ACT Health/NPAAC
Janine Bevan	DOHA
Lawrie Bott	RCPA
Paul Carroll	QLD Health
Geraldine Robertson	Consumer Representative (CHF)
Hugh Greville	Clinical Lead
Janey Wale	Consumer Representative (CHF)
Philip Dubois	University of QLD
Paul Williams	NEHTA Head of Solution Development
Dean Meston	NEHTA eDiagnostics Program Manager
Sue Watkins	NEHTA Engagement secretariat
Carla Glavonjic	SlatteryIT secretariat

Apologies were received from:

Chris Reilly	SA Health (resigned from DSRG)
Alan Lloyd	AAPP
Roger Wilson	NCOPP

The meeting had the following objectives:

- To obtain communication advice to assist in the development of a communication plan to ensure the right messages are delivered to the right group of stakeholders and that involvement from industry is achieved.
- To discuss interaction between reference groups including the appropriate processes on how to undertake these interactions and requests.
- To provide an update of the recent planning workshops undertaken in April 09.
- To discuss the proposal for a national strategy for development and implementation within the Pathology Sector, including an operational and evaluation framework of piloting.
- To obtain advice on ramping up the e-Diagnostic Imaging Program.

Summary of Outcomes / Actions:

- Acknowledgment that the workshop process recently undertaken is appropriate to identifying the set of priorities for the e-Pathology Program moving forward.
- Support for ramping up the e-Diagnostic Imaging Program.
- Consensus that workshops are required for the e-Diagnostic Imaging Program to achieve a set of program outcomes and priorities.
- Consensus that a strategy around the Development and Implementation of e-Health Material is needed and should build upon the recently signed Statement of Consensus with the Pathology Sector.