

Reviewing process for medicines in Remote Primary Health Care Manuals



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The [Remote Primary Health Care Manuals](#) (RPHCM) are widely used in primary health care settings across Australia to guide and support the provision of high quality, evidence-based care to people living in rural and remote communities. The suite of manuals is currently being reviewed and updated in preparation for new editions planned for 2022.

Ensuring that medications featured in the protocols align with current evidence and research, is a crucial element in our review process. A team of multi-disciplinary health professionals applies a multi-stage process to confirm that all medications recommended in the protocols are up to date, supported by evidence and appropriate for the remote, Indigenous health context.

The flow chart below outlines the medicines review process, including checkpoints that guarantee best practice advice.



RPHCM medicines review process

Our team of pharmacists also update the information in our Medicines Book. This manual provides pictorial information about what medicines are used for, how they work, side effects and other important information, and is an important communication tool for discussing the safe and effective use of medicines with patients.

The RPHCM project team is seeking expressions of interest from pharmacists to assist in the medicines review process. Volunteer reviewers with experience in remote or Indigenous health can contribute to either or both, the protocols, or Medicines Book review. We appreciate and value all our reviewers and acknowledge their contribution on our website, as well as providing a certificate of involvement for inclusion in their CV.

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