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Dear Madam/Sir

RE: Review of products used for the treatment of Diabetes

Thank you for asking The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (the College) to comment on the above review.

The College considers setting restrictive criteria for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) patients to access subsidised glucose strips will be difficult as the pattern of self monitoring blood glucose (SMBG) in people with T2DM is very sporadic and very much depends on individuals. SMBG is of benefit in acute situations where HbA1c is not useful such as URTI infections, prior to driving where patients are tendering to hypoglycemia episodes. The College would suggest not setting any criteria for glucose strips eligibility. Patients who decide not to monitor will tend not to obtain them in any case.

Yours sincerely



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