

**Response to Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation –Interim Report 2017**

It has been gathered that the interim report takes into account the observations of NHMRC assessment of evidence of effectiveness of Homoeopathy. This report has received flak from many throughout the world. It is recommended that the reviewers involved into drafting the report should read our comments “NHMRC report on homeopathy; mixing apples with oranges. Homeopathy (2016); vol105, issue 1, page 126-7” before jumping to the conclusion that Homoeopathy is working like a placebo.

It would have been better if the report highlights the data about the demand of homeopathic medicines at the pharmacy outlets. It can further be supported by the experience of patients who are coming to buy the medicines and the nature of diseases they are suffering from. None of the surveys and research documents of Pharmacy has used the term Homeopathy, which means only NHMRC report on Homoeopathy is considered and findings of which are refuted from corner of the world.

More over these are being prescribed by qualified practitioners who have better wisdom and knowledge about the prognosis of disease which the patient is suffering from. More over these practitioners are not only having a medical degree but also have essential knowledge about practice of Homoeopathy. Then how it is being presumed that patients are at risk of getting harmed.

Homoeopathic medicines are prescribed on individualization basis and therefore generic medicines as mentioned in various Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeias from different countries should be made available to patients against prescription by a registered qualified homoeopathic practitioner.

I hope the review committee will consider above so that the benefits which the patients are getting through homeopathic prescriptions in harmless manner be continued to be provided. The government should not stop a facility to the general masses simply because it do not bring good revenue to the pharmacies.

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