

Seeking Expressions of Interest

1. Project Details

Project Title: Victorian Guidance for Anticoagulant Stewardship Programs

Project Synopsis:

This project will develop a guide to facilitate the strategic development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of anticoagulant stewardship programs in Victoria. The guidance will be developed in consultation with experts from Victorian health services.

2. Project Details

Aims and Objectives

To develop Victorian Guidance for Anticoagulant Stewardship Programs. The guidance will complement the [CATAG Guiding Principles for Medicines Stewardship Programs](#) and include:

- A summary of root causes of anticoagulant incidents identified through a literature review and review of Victorian sentinel event data.
- Key initiatives that anticoagulant stewardship programs should consider for implementation.
- Examples of electronic dashboards used to facilitate anticoagulant stewardship programs.
- Suggested data monitoring to track progress and measure success.
- A suite of implementation tools.

Background

Anticoagulant harm is on the rise. In Victoria, between July 2021 and April 2023, there were 17 sentinel events involving over or under anticoagulation reported to Safer Care Victoria. This accounts for almost one-quarter of medicine related sentinel events reported in Victoria. Recognising this harm, has led to some Victorian health services implementing an anticoagulant stewardship program. These programs have developed locally, resulting in diverse priorities. This work aims to leverage the learnings from adverse event data to better understand the benefits of anticoagulant stewardship programs and inform their target initiatives.

Method

1. Conduct a literature review of anticoagulant harm and stewardship programs.
2. Obtain and review sentinel event data and compile common themes and recommendations suitable for broader implementation.
3. Convene an advisory group, with expert medical, pharmacy and nursing representatives from Victorian metropolitan and rural health services.
4. Develop a draft framework to meet the aims and objectives, in consultation with relevant stakeholders
5. Provide final version to VicTAG Management Committee

Timetable

EOI closing date: Friday 31 May 2024

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Expected Outcomes

Final draft submitted to VicTAG Management Committee 6 months after commencement.

A brief monthly update to be provided to the VicTAG Management Committee.

4. Proposed Grant Budget

Grade 3, Year 1 - 4 salary 0.4 EFT (16 hours per week) for 6 months = up to \$25,574 + 25% oncosts = \$31,968

Design costs are additional and will be provided by VicTAG with approval from the Management Committee

5. How to submit an Expression of Interest

- Provide information on why you would be a suitable lead for the project, including your credentials (max 250 words).
- Provide your CV.
- Provide a statement of support for a secondment arrangement from the Director of Pharmacy (or your department manager) at your health service.