Application for Working Group Member

Addressing Low Benefit Care – Surgery Project

Closing date: 9am, Thursday 12 November

Clinical Excellence Queensland

**Clinical Excellence Queensland (CEQ) is recruiting two (2) consumer representatives to join the Low Benefit Care -surgery project working group.**

Clinical Excellence Queensland (CEQ) partners with Hospital and Health Services (HHSs), clinicians and consumers to drive measurable improvements in patient care through the continual pursuit of excellence. CEQ does this by identifying, monitoring and promoting improvements in the quality of health services delivered by service providers (both HHSs and private health facilities, globally and within Queensland), and supporting and facilitating the dissemination of best-practice clinical standards and processes that achieve better outcomes for our patients. <https://clinicalexcellence.qld.gov.au/index.php/>

What is low benefit care

The issue of value in health care, defined as care that provides little or no net benefit (low benefit care) in specific clinical scenarios, is a topic of discussions worldwide. Despite growing evidence that some diagnostics and treatments are unnecessary and add no benefit, low benefit care continues to be provided to patients.

Problem: Addressing Low Benefit Care - Surgery

Clinicians and consumers do not have access to an agreed list of surgical indicators that can be consistently measured to ensure the care provided to patients is safe, high quality and offers maximum benefit at minimal risk.

Purpose

To Develop a suite of Queensland specialty-specific, clinician and consumer identified procedures and associated indicators considered to represent low value in terms of risk and benefit to the patient.

* to facilitate the alignment of evidence and practice with patient safety and clinical objectives (for the patient, clinician and the service)
* to ensure the highest benefit surgical care possible is being delivered to Queenslanders.

Clinicians, health services and consumers partnered together to develop the Clinical Prioritisation Criteria (CPC) within outpatient services. As seen with the development, acceptance and expansion of the CPC, defining the indicators for low benefit surgical procedures will provide a clinical framework to support clinical judgement and provide transparent, evidence-based criteria for decision making.

This partnership between clinicians, consumers, and health services, supported by the Department of Health (via the Healthcare Improvement Unit, Clinical Excellence Queensland) and driven by consultant and consumer leadership, will enable clinicians and patients to make more informed treatment choices, improve the patient and clinician experience and outcomes, and improve the quality, safety, appropriateness and efficiency of care.

Membership

The various working groups will include representative/s from medical specialties, allied health professionals, nurses, general practitioners and consumers.

There will be a clinical chair for each of the working groups representing their specialty.

Role of the consumer

The role of the successful applicant will be to attend working group meetings and to actively participate in all working group activities such as pre-meeting reading, discussions, provision of feedback and advice.

Who is it for?

This opportunity would suit a consumer or carer representative with:

* 12 months committee experience, either at the Hospital and Health Service, or statewide level, especially contributing to systems level reforms and improvement
* an understanding of the Queensland Health system, responsibilities of sitting on a committee and experiencing providing consumer feedback

Time and location

It is anticipated we would require 2 hours once per fortnight to allow for meetings and pre reading, if required ad-hoc meetings may be scheduled.

Meetings will have the option of joining by video conference - Microsoft Teams, should they be required travel and parking can be arranged.

Remuneration and Support

Consumers will be remunerated for their time in line with [Health Consumers Queensland’s remuneration position statement](http://www.hcq.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Consumer-Remuneration-Rates-Dec-2015.pdf). Should parking and travel be required expenses will be covered.

$187 per meeting 4 hours and under (Covers pre-reading).

The Chair will provide orientation and ongoing support to the successful representative as required.

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to****consumer@hcq.org.au**by  **9am, Thursday 12 November**

For assistance please contact Health Consumers Queensland via consumer@hcq.org.au or by phone on 07 3012 9090.

**Consumer Application Form**

 **Addressing Low Benefit Care – Surgery Project**

Full name:

Preferred phone number:

Email:

Postal address:

Postcode:

* By completing this application, I consent for my details to be added to the Health Consumers Queensland network database YES | NO
* I would like to receive email updates from Health Consumers Queensland YES | NO
* Are you happy for Health Consumers Queensland to share this form with Queensland Health as part of the process for this application? YES | NO

Please highlight any group you identify as being a part of:

* Living with a disability/chronic condition
* Caring for someone with a disability
* Physically isolated or transport disadvantaged
* Culturally or linguistically diverse
* From a non-English speaking background
* LGBTIQ+

Do you identify as: Aboriginal | Torres Strait Islander | Both | Prefer not to state

Are you a: Consumer | Carer

Age range: 16-24 25-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

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| **Gender:** |  Male | Female | Intersex | Other | Prefer not to state |

Please describe any support you need to take part in this activity *(examples include support person, hearing loop, dietary requirements)*

*Your responses to the following questions only need to be a brief sentence or two*

* Please describe your experience as a health consumer representative including committees, focus groups, surveys, governance roles, etc.

*Tip: Past consumer representative positions that have similar requirements to the opportunity you’re expressing interest in. Give an indication of how long each position was for, and any relevant highlights.*

* **Please describe any connections you have to your community (e.g. networks, groups)***Tip: Think about how this relates to the role you’re applying for.*
* Please describe your interest in Low Benefit Care? *Tip: Although this section usually requires the longest response, try to keep it concise. Things to consider focusing on here include:*
* *any past lived experience that shows your understanding of the topic, or*
* *your understanding of the social/health/economic implications of the topic/condition, or*
* *Any systems change that you have identified that will improve care for health consumers, and possible strategies you could share to affect that change.*

*Referee Section*

* Please provide contact details for a staff member from a health service or department you are currently partnering with. (we will advise if you are shortlisted before we contact your referee).

Full name:

Staff Role:

Partnering Activity (eg. Committee Chair):

Organisation:

Phone number:

Email:

Applicant Role: