

### Decision Summary

<b>Meeting Date</b>	Friday 17 October, 2008		
<b>Application #</b>	08014N		
<b>Title of TCP</b>	Naturopathy service for patients with Endometriosis		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New TCP	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute/replacement for existing	<input type="checkbox"/> Extended use of existing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
This application is for the introduction of a qualified Naturopath to support the care of women presenting to the Endometriosis Clinic based at Moorabbin Outpatients.			
<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</b>			
<b>Applicant</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	No conflict of interest	
<b>Committee</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	No conflict of interest from any TCPC members or invitees present	
<b>SAFETY</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Safer than current practice	<input type="checkbox"/> Equivalent to current practice	<input type="checkbox"/> Less safe than current practice	
Limited information was provided to the TCPC and no definitive conclusions could be drawn, however concerns were raised by authors of the submitted papers regarding some side effects of herbal medications and the potential for interaction with patient medications.			
<b>EFFECTIVENESS</b>			
High quality evidence?	No		
Consistent, clinically important benefit?	No		
Applicable to Southern Health?	N/A		
No evidence that supported the efficacy or effectiveness of a naturopath for endometriosis was presented for this application.			
<b>COST</b>			
N/A			
<b>CLINICAL FEASIBILITY</b>			
Resource implications	N/A		
Credentialing and competency assurance undertaken	N/A		
The committee noted issues related to credentialing and scope of practice for a qualified naturopath at Southern Health. This does not fit into existing credentialing structures and lines of professional accountability. There is no professional body or registering authority from which to seek guidance. Future appointments should be signed off by the relevant Program Director.			
<b>ISSUES RELATED TO ACCESS &amp; EQUITY AND LEGAL &amp; ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS</b>			
N/A			
<b>Final decision by the Southern Health Technology/Clinical Practice Committee</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Recommended:</b> Approved with no further need for assessment.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Restricted Recommendation – Audit:</b> Approval subject to implementation under audit conditions. Conditions are specific to the technology.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Restricted Recommendation – Clinical Trial:</b> Endorsed, however approval subject to implementation in clinical trial with Southern Health Human Research and Ethics Committee approval.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Restricted Approval – Operational Restrictions:</b> Endorsed, however financial or operational restrictions apply.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Not Recommended</b>		
Conditions			
▪ N/A			

SH Policy	Quality and Risk Management	ACHS	Leadership and Management
Reviewer	Director, Centre for Clinical Effectiveness	Last review date	January 2008
Authoriser	Chair, Technology/Clinical Practice Committee	Next review date	August 2010

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