

Overcoming medicine shortages, adverse events and clinical variation

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Dr Tony Hobbs, Principal Medical Adviser at the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), is providing an update on current TGA initiatives and discussing how the TGA can support health professionals in making timely and well-informed decisions on health care for their patients.

The TGA has partnered with industry groups to develop a number of initiatives including the Medicines Shortages Initiative (MSI). Dr Hobbs will give an overview of this initiative, as well as adverse event reporting, the Special Access Scheme and the importance of clinical variation across the health system, while looking at ways for health professionals to utilise tools from the TGA to avoid individual patient care being compromised.