

## 4.3 Understanding the MSAC Process

**4.3 Understanding the MSAC Process** module forms part of the **4.0 Reimbursement of Medical Technology course** and presents the importance of a successful Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) application and resulting numbers.

### The Medical Technology Industry

The Australian medical technology industry includes Australian and overseas companies manufacturing and supplying medical devices, in-vitro diagnostics and medical imaging equipment. The medical technology industry makes a highly significant contribution to the quality of healthcare in Australia.

### What is the Reimbursement of Medical Technology course?

The reimbursement of medical technology in Australia is complicated and occurs in many forms. Some processes are interrelated, for example with Medicare, while others are stand alone schemes.

The *Reimbursement of Medical Technology* course consists of four modules. The first module, *4.1 Introduction to Reimbursement of Medical Devices in Australia*, provides an overview of the healthcare environment and the linkages across reimbursement pathways. Medical technology industry personnel new to the industry or specialising in the area of medical device reimbursement are encouraged to attend.

Module *4.2 Achieving a Successful Application for the Prostheses List* provides the conceptual context for the Prostheses List process and instruction for preparing applications that have a better chance of a successful outcome. Those seeking listing for surgically implanted prostheses are encouraged to attend.

Module *4.3 Understanding the MSAC Process* guides you through the new Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) application process. Those seeking the reimbursement of a medical device or prosthesis that does not have an MBS Item number covering the fee of the physicians are encouraged to attend.

Module *4.4 Preparing an MSAC Submission* addresses the MSAC submission process from the point of view of the data and evidence requirements. Those seeking the reimbursement of a medical device or prosthesis that does not have an MBS Item number covering the fee of the physicians are encouraged to attend.

### What topics are covered in module 4.3?

Medical technology companies need to understand the linkages between a successful Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) application and submission and other reimbursement pathways.

### Learning outcome

- Understands the new MSAC application process including the significance of all the stages of the process.

### Who should attend?

Those seeking the reimbursement of a medical device or prosthesis that does not have an MBS Item number covering the fee of the physicians are encouraged to attend. Module 4.1 or equivalent industry experience is the suggested prerequisite for this Level 2 module.

### How much does it cost?

The cost of this half day module including GST is \$550 for members and \$850 for non-members. Once payment is accepted, participants will be registered.

### How do I register?

All registrations to MTAA training modules are via the website. For this course, places will be offered to those that register an interest to attend a module. The city location of the training will be dependent on where the majority of those that have expressed an interest are based. Please visit *Training* under *Professional Development* on the MTAA website [www.mtaa.org.au](http://www.mtaa.org.au) to access course information and register your interest.

Following full registration, participants will be forwarded a program. Participants will receive a *Certificate of Participation* following the training.

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