

CHF has been invited to nominate consumer advocates for possible appointment to the **Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care - Topic Working Group developing a clinical care standard on peripheral venous access.**

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) is convening a topic working group (TWG) to inform the development of a clinical care standard for the prevention and management of adverse events associated with the insertion and use of peripheral intravenous catheters (PIVCs). Clinical care standards comprise a small set of recommendations that aim to improve the delivery of appropriate care and reduce unwarranted clinical practice variation. They identify and define the care people should expect to receive, regardless of where they are treated in Australia. The Commission develops clinical care standards with the support of a working group comprised of clinicians, consumers, researchers and individuals with recent expertise in the clinical care area. The role of the TWG for the Peripheral Venous Access Clinical Care Standard will be to provide expert advice to support the Commission as it develops the clinical care standard.

The Commission has invited CHF to nominate two potential candidates for their consideration. One nominee will be appointed to the group as a member and the other will be appointed as a proxy.

Consumer representatives will be asked to:

- Provide advice on the scope and key components of care to be the focus of the clinical care standard
- Provide advice on the key sources of evidence to inform the development of the clinical care standard
- Recommend strategies to support implementation
- Actively support the promotion of the clinical care standard

The work will consist of at least four face-to-face meetings in Sydney during the course of the development of a clinical care standard, however the Commission will be working towards streamlining the process to potentially reduce the number of face-to-face meetings. The first full day meeting will take place during in early March 2019. Subsequent meeting dates will be confirmed at the first meeting.

The Commission will cover sitting fees and travel costs for this work.

CHF invites interested consumer representatives to:

1. Complete a CHF nomination form available online at <https://chf.org.au/representation/forms/consumer-representative-nomination-form>.
2. Attach a letter of endorsement from a supporting health consumer organisation. This letter ensures that consumer representatives are accountable to consumers. Please note that the health consumer group need not be a CHF member. This process ensures consumer representatives are placed with the confidence of consumers, and have in place a consultative base enabling reps to draw from and report to consumers.
3. Attach a short CV in .pdf format which CHF will in turn forward to the Commission. Please contact Ghislaine Martin on 02 6273 5444 or via email at g.martin@chf.org.au should you have any queries.

Urgent expressions of interest required