

Regional Reports South Pacific Region

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Government

- On 19 March 2018 a new pathway to enter a complementary medicine in the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) will be introduced – the assessed listed medicines pathway.

Three-tiered risk-based hierarchy of indications

Lower risk	Intermediate risk	Higher risk
<p>A low level indication may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • health enhancement • health maintenance • prevention of dietary deficiency • a disease, ailment, defect or injury other than a serious form of those diseases. <p>A low level indication must not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refer to, or imply, the prevention, alleviation, or cure of any form of a disease, ailment, defect or injury • contain a prohibited representation • contain a restricted representation • have been specified in any non-permitted indications list. 	<p>Intermediate level indications may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refer to the prevention, cure or alleviation of a non-serious form of a disease, ailment, defect or injury • restricted representations (i.e. a serious form of a disease). <p>An intermediate level indication must not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refer to the prevention, cure or alleviation of a restricted representation (i.e a serious form of a disease) • contain a prohibited representation. 	<p>High level indications may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prevention, alleviation or cure of a serious form of a disease, ailment, defect or injury (i.e. restricted representations). <p>A high level indication must not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contain a prohibited representation.

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)

- The China-Australia International Research Centre for Chinese Medicine conducts clinical trials using traditional Chinese medicine for
 - chronic diseases such as allergic rhinitis (AR)
 - chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
 - psoriasis and
 - atopic dermatitis.
 - **Completed**
 - Adult Asthma
 - Allergic Rhinitis
 - Alzheimer's disease
 - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
 - Herpes zoster
 - Psoriasis
 - Urticaria

University of Sydney (USYD)

- Invited by **HK Hospital Convention 2018** to talk on Unlocking Evidence Through Healthcare Text Mining
- Under the capacity of ACCLAIM (joint big data lab between USYD and CUHK) to establish a project with the **Affiliated Hospital of Shandong University of TCM** to extend our work of big data analysis of integrative treatment on stroke
- Creating a project with **University of Edinburgh** of cross-training of medical images and radiologist's reports on stroke patients.
- Collaborating with **Cardiff University** to use her FlexiTerm tool to carry out automatic recognition of multi-word terms from Chinese consultation notes.

University of Technology Sydney (UTS)

- Blackmore Foundation along with BioCeuticals and the Jacka Foundation contributed a combined \$1.5m to a scientific research program at the UTS' Australian Research Centre for Complementary and Integrative Medicine (ARCCIM).
- **Project:** Examining insider perspectives and experiences regarding approaches to stroke prevention in aged care facilities: a focus upon complementary and alternative medicine approaches (started in 2017)
- **Project:** Chinese Herbal Medicine (T50) as Add-on to Metformin Monotherapy in patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: A 12-week randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial (started in 2018)

Western Sydney University (WSU)

- NICM commenced relocation to a historic heritage building in Westmead Medical Precinct in two stages:
 - **Stage 1:** (july) auditorium, staff offices of Western Sydney Integrative Health Centre
 - **Stage 2:** (early 2019) preclinical scientific laboratories, including analytic chemistry stability testing facilities .. And other R&D development



Western Sydney University (WSU)

- NICM has been approved by WSU as an official University Research Institute.
- The University has received the largest gift of a combined \$10m from Marcus and Caroline Blackmore's personal philanthropic trust and Blackmores Ltd.
- Signed MOU with National Center for Natural Products Research (NCNPR) at the U of Mississippi
- New collaboration with China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences: NICM WSU – CACMS Centre for Chinese Medicine Research

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- Phase III clinical trial of a Chinese herbal medicine with CACMS
 - Prelim studies on cognitive and memory impairment associated with vascular dementia
- In 2017, NICM contributed to international and national conversations about complementary medicine regulation, standards and policy.

Thank you!
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