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Dear Mr Downie

Re: Consultation Paper on Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (Version 10.0)

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Consultation paper on Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (AR-DRG).

As you would know, the RANZCP is very interested in the implementation of national Activity Based Funding (ABF) for Australian public hospitals and supports efforts led by the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) to provide a clinically meaningful way of classifying and pricing mental health care.

On reviewing the paper, in particular Consultation Question 11, the RANZCP largely supports the recommendation that no changes be made at this time to AR-DRG for the conditions listed.

However, the RANZCP would be interested to see a review of the classifications for personality disorders, involuntary mental health patient episodes, alcohol and drug disorders and repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation in future versions. As noted in the paper, demand for these interventions is expected to change in the next few years.

Also of note, the RANZCP is most interested to advance work with the IHPA to use data on comorbid-mental disorders and mental health interventions to inform the complexity levels or other mechanisms for acknowledging mental health care in acute settings.

If you would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the submission, please contact Rosie Forster, Executive Manager, Practice, Policy and Partnerships via rosie.forster@ranzcp.org or by phone on (03) 9601 4943.

Yours sincerely



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