



Seminar: Working with MBS and PBS data

24 May 2017, 10.00am - 3.00pm

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Data from the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) are valuable resources with untapped potential to identify and monitor patterns of health service use and inform health service planning. However, these datasets were not designed for research purposes and present many challenges for researchers. This seminar will provide an introduction to the MBS and PBS datasets, advice on dealing with their peculiarities and pitfalls, and discuss different methods for how they can be analysed.

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Dr Anna Kemp-Casey is a Research Fellow in the Medicines and Device Surveillance Centre for Research Excellence at the University of South Australia and an Adjunct Research Fellow with the Centre for Health Services Research at The University of Western Australia. Anna has ten years of experience using PBS and MBS data to examine health service use in vulnerable populations. Her other research activities include cost barriers to medicines use, analysis of policy impacts, pharmaco-vigilance and medicines safety, and health outcomes studies using linked State and Commonwealth datasets. Anna is a member of Australia's Drug Utilisation Subcommittee of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee.

Agenda

Welcome and introductions	10.00 am
Which data sets are available and why would you use them?	10.30 am
Understanding the MBS and PBS data sets	11.00 am
Lunch	12.30 pm
Analysing MBS and PBS data	1.15 pm
Discussion and questions	2.30 pm
Close	3.00 pm

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