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Dear Professor Wilson

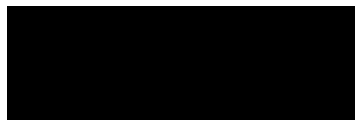
Recommended addition to the Doctors Bag list

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians is contacting the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee with regards review of the Doctors Bag currently underway.

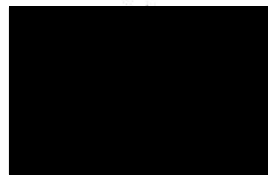
The College recommends adding benzathine penicillin to the Doctors Bag for the treatment of syphilis. The addition of benzathine penicillin will assist with the timely treatment of syphilis, the prevention of mother-to-child transmission, and the management of syphilis epidemics in Queensland, Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia.

Please contact Beth Wilson, Policy and Advocacy Officer on Beth.Wilson@racp.edu.au or +61 2 9256 9655 to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely



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