

Making a Patient Organisation Submission to the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics



Who we are?

The National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics (NCPE) is an independent Health Technology Assessment Agency, responsible for evaluating medicines for use in the Irish healthcare setting.

What we do?

The HSE makes decisions on the reimbursement (funding) of medicines. The HSE asks us to provide advice to help them make this decision. In order to give this advice, we carry out a Health Technology Assessment of the medicine. This involves assessing the:

- Comparative effectiveness, which tells us how well a medicine works compared to medicines that are currently used to treat a health condition
- Cost-effectiveness, or value for money, of the medicine
- Budget impact (how much the medicine will cost the HSE)

Our advice then helps the HSE provide the most effective, safe and cost-effective (value for money) medicines for patients.

How can patients become involved?

The NCPE have a Patient Organisation submission process, which enables patient groups to communicate their experiences to the HSE. Patient Organisations can make a submission, which includes information on the day-to-day experience of living with a health condition and the ways in which a new medicine may improve this day-to-day experience. Submissions are passed to the HSE to consider as part of their decision-making process on the funding of medicines.



Who can make a submission?

The NCPE Patient Organisation submission process is open to all patient groups, from small local support groups to large national voluntary organisations. It is not necessary to have any specific expertise or prior experience in this area. The NCPE can be contacted at patientinfo@ncpe.ie if you have questions about the process.

What medicines are open for a submission?

The NCPE invites patient groups to make submissions for medicines under assessment. However, sometimes it is difficult to find patient groups for specific health conditions so we encourage all Patient Organisations to register with the NCPE. This allow us to notify you when an assessment of a medicine for that health conditions is being conducted. Further details on registration and making a submission are available from our [website](#).

If you have any questions about this process please email patientinfo@ncpe.ie