

24 February 2020

Belinda Hodson

fyi.org.nz/request/10850-citation-list-for-pharmac-funded-thyroid-medications-and-patient-survey-data#outgoing-18914

Dear Belinda

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: THYROID MEDICATIONS

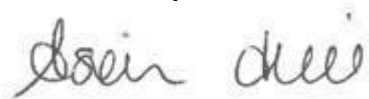
I am writing further to your information request of 31 July 2019, in which you sought, under the Official Information Act (OIA), the citation lists of data (clinical research studies, other clinical papers and publications including randomised control trials and guidelines, and patient survey data), as at 1 June 2019, for all funded thyroid medications.

PHARMAC understands you are interested in receiving 'the specific citations used by PHARMAC in its decision-making process, when PHARMAC decides which thyroid medications to fund'.

I can confirm that PHARMAC does not hold information of this type. This is because, according to our records, the medications listed under the 'thyroid and antithyroid agents' section of the Schedule were all publicly funded prior to PHARMAC taking over responsibility for the Community Pharmaceutical Schedule (in 1993) and the Hospital Medicines List (in 2013/14). As such, PHARMAC has not carried out a detailed assessment of these products for the purpose of informing any funding decision.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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