



# Appendix A: Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program Management Committee responsibilities

The Program Management Committee (PMC) is an advisory body that works to support:

- national coordination and the consistency, safety and quality of Australia's NBS programs
- the consideration of conditions for screening in NBS programs by providing technical and implementation advice on conditions to the Cancer and Population Screening (CAPS) Committee in line with the NBS decision-making pathway (DMP).

## Program operations

The PMC will:

- discuss and consider matters relating to program operations, including safety and quality issues in line with international best practice
- consider strategic issues and undertake national planning in relation to program operations
- work collaboratively to further define and report against program indicators for program monitoring and evaluation
- share information on emerging NBS developments, technology and testing approaches.

## Advice to the CAPS Committee

The PMC will provide technical advice to the CAPS Committee on conditions under consideration for inclusion in NBS programs. This includes but is not limited to:

- providing advice on the degree of alignment of conditions with the [NPF criteria](#) (captured across 4 main areas): the condition, screening test, intervention, and additional considerations
- recommending next steps for each condition considered.

The PMC will provide implementation advice to the CAPS Committee on conditions under consideration for inclusion in Australia's NBS programs. This includes but is not limited to advice on:

- preferred screening methodology or methodologies
- laboratory equipment and workforce requirements
- clinical requirements
- consumer engagement.

The PMC will advise the CAPS Committee where requested, including on conditions that are already screened or being considered for screening in Australian NBS programs.

## **Advice to the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing**

The PMC will advise the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing to inform national NBS reform as required.