Improving Analgesia in Hospital Emergency Departments:
Optimising Use of Pethidine

CLINICAL REFERENCE COMMITTEE
TERMS OF REFERENCE

Composition
The committee will comprise:
- Emergency department (ED) physician
- ED nurse
- ED pharmacist
- Clinical pharmacologist
- Pain physician
- D&A physician
- Quality manager
- Consumer
- Representative, National Institute for Clinical Studies (NICS)
- Representative, Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM)

Responsibilities
The committee will advise the project regarding:
1. Key messages for educational programs
2. Data collection and feedback processes
3. Development of appropriate interventions
4. Evaluation plan
taking into account the objectives and methodology as set out in the document “Project Description”. Reporting processes are set out in the document “Project Structure”.

Meetings
It is expected that meetings will be held in September 2002, December 2002, March 2003, June 2003 and August 2003. The first meeting will be a face-to-face meeting in Sydney. Subsequent meetings may be by teleconference, or as advised by the committee.

Timeframe and outcomes
The project will be conducted from September 2002 to August 2003. At completion of the project, a written report will be submitted to the funding body, NICS. Participating hospitals will receive a copy of the report.

Presentations regarding the project will be prepared during the course of the project and one or more publications will be prepared at the completion of the project. Members of the Reference Committee and participating hospitals will be acknowledged in all presentations and publications.