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Dear Senate Inquiry,

I have attached the following articles to demonstrate the difficulties GP's face in trying to evaluate the appropriate tests on patients. The attachments highlight the mixed message over the Vit D testing saga. Esteemed journals like the MJA have been pushing for Vit D testing yet Medicare is telling us the opposite and warning us to do less. One example of why we need a less adversarial system involving audits and PSR review and a more communicative consensus approach.

Regards

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# Vitamin D

<http://www.medicalobserver.com.au/news/medicare-to-target-steep-rise-in-vitamin-d-requests>

Documents Medicare targeting Drs ordering Vit D tests

[http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/182\\_06\\_210305/dia10848\\_fm.html](http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/182_06_210305/dia10848_fm.html)

Documents the significant number of vitamin D deficient Australians

[http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/194\\_07\\_040411/eb110010\\_fm.html](http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/194_07_040411/eb110010_fm.html)

Calls for routine antenatal testing for serum vitamin D

These 3 articles highlight the mixed message GPs receive from the medical literature and then from government regulatory bodies