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Biography

Dr Kerry James Atkins is a Australian public servant specializing in data analytics, mainly of administrative data collected by government agencies. In his current role as Secretary of the Drug Utilization Sub-Committee (DUSC) of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC), he leads a team that monitors the utilization of pharmaceutical products in Australia and assesses the quality use of medicines. He also advises on the assignment of Defined Daily Doses (DDD) to the Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) classification for drugs listed on the Australian Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

Prior to his current role, he was a lecturer in health sciences and a health researcher at the Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Sydney from 1994 to 2000, and he completed his doctoral training in 2002 in the area of applied physiology.

In 2001 Atkins joined Quintiles Health Research Solutions, a contract research organization for the pharmaceutical industry, where he held senior positions managing clinical trials and post market surveillance studies, and established and managed a clinical data centre.

Dr Atkins entered the Australian public service in 2004, undertaking technical roles in the evaluation of health technologies and the development and implementation of health service programs.