

The cheek of some people

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The Commonwealth's recent decision to list Sculptra on the [PBS](#) [1][Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme] The federal government program which subsidises medication costs in Australia. Anti-HIV drugs are part of a special part of the PBS called Section 100 (S100) which is used for expensive, highly specialised drugs. is exciting news for Australia's positive community. Anyone with HIV treatment associated facial lipoatrophy is now subsidised to receive up to eight vials for their first treatment followed by top ups of two vials every two years

Having the stuff administered is another story. While there is a growing body of practitioners qualified to inject Sculptra, some are charging considerably more than others.

NAPWA has supported a submission to have an item number for the injecting procedure listed by Medicare and are hoping for an outcome this year. Some practitioners have indicated they will be prepared to charge just that scheduled fee.

Anyone interested in the treatment is encouraged to discuss it first with their HIV doctor.

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[1] <http://www.napwa.org.au/glossary/term/121>