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There is No Time Like the Present and There is no Present Like Time

Shakespeare once called time a 'great sized monster of ingratitude'. Like all great writers he was capable of both edifying and condemning the world around him. At Cystic Fibrosis Australia (CFA), we have no such luxury.

Time is what we want, we always want it, we want as much of it as possible, and we want it for everyone. And now **There is No Time Like the Present.**

Trikafta is the new frontier in cystic fibrosis (CF) treatment. A cascade of medical advances over the last two decades has left us with this landmark multi-drug, a second corrector capable of slowing or halting lung damage in 90% of individuals with CF.

Trikafta cannot be ignored, it cannot be substituted, and we cannot wait until something else comes on the market.

Lung damage of the kind that Trikafta will prevent is mostly irreversible. We need this drug now and anything less than full and immediate Compassionate Access for all eligible people, following a positive recommendation by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC), will be a dereliction of moral duty on behalf of Australia's healthcare decision makers.

The ball is still in our court. The PBAC will not sit again until March 2021 and we hope Trikafta will be on their Agenda. We have until then to get our community and its allies both informed and energised. This means getting in touch with your local member of parliament and local media outlets. Social media is a great tool and liking and sharing CFA posts is an easy way to support the Trikafta campaign.

We have the chance to snowball this campaign into something big enough and loud enough to make a difference. Past decisions by the PBAC have shown that they are capable of placing human interest above mere financial considerations, but we must show them that the greatest human need is right here with cystic fibrosis and Trikafta.

If you would like to provide a case study about your experiences with Trikafta or share what Trikafta will do for you, complete the Case Study Form [HERE](#) and send it to nickim@cfa.org.au. Trikafta resources are available [HERE](#).

At the end of the day Time IS Money and **There is No Time Like the Present.**

Kind regards



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