**Directional, vacuum-assisted breast biopsy**

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**Authors' objectives**
This report summarises the assessment of current evidence for the use of directional, vacuum-assisted (DV) breast biopsy with stereotactic or ultrasound guidance.

**Authors' conclusions**
MSAC notes that directional vacuum-assisted breast biopsy is currently claimable under the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS).

MSAC recommended on the strength of evidence pertaining to directional vacuum-assisted breast biopsy that:

the costs associated with the procedure should be investigated; and

pending review of the costs, the procedure should receive interim funding at a higher remuneration than is currently available under existing items for non-palpable breast lesions.

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