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it appears obvious from the article in "australian doctor 13/9/13' that nobody in the RACP committee has any idea what happens in general practice in this country. Sample packs are invaluable in instigating treatment in numerous conditions. Giving a patient a week of sample to ensure no side effects is important, as paying something in the \$30.00 range and discontinuing after a few doses often results in the patient being unwilling to come back and try something else especially in conditions like hypertension which is asymptomatic. Patients also benefit from a sample of a few days of an NSAID for a condition not requiring extended treatment. A sample of a costly medication on a private script will often convince a patient that a considerable financial outlay [for them , maybe not for a FRACP member] is worthwhile if they can see a result. Suggesting banning samples in ethics gone mad in my opinion. Soon it will not be ethical to treat patients at all if this line of augment continues.

Sincerely, Dr Robert Cargill,