



PHARMACY PRACTITIONER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE **INFORMATION SHEET**

Background

The Advanced Pharmacy Practice Framework Steering Committee (APPFSC) was established in March 2011 as a profession-wide collaborative forum to progress tasks and initiatives associated with the national competency standards for pharmacists. The work of the APPFSC was deemed to be complete in March 2014. However, based on the achievements and outcomes of the committee there was a strong desire to continue the operation and working arrangements of the forum into the future. This commitment was approved by participating organisations and the APPFSC transitioned to the Pharmacy Practitioner Development Committee (PPDC) in July 2014. The Committee is convened and supported by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA).

Objectives

The core purpose of the PPDC is to focus on the development of practitioners (pharmacists) through consideration of competencies and scopes of practice. Work priorities identified include the following.

- a. Conduct a review of the [National competency standards framework for pharmacists in Australia](#) (2010) and also integrate the review of the [Professional practice profile for initial registration as a pharmacist \(customised tool of entry-level competencies\)](#) (2011).
- b. Develop an agreed profession-wide position on pharmacist prescribing, taking into account the [Competencies required to prescribe medicines](#) (National Prescribing Service, 2012) and the [Health professionals prescribing pathway](#) (Health Workforce Australia, 2013).
- c. Consider topics and strategies relating to competencies and scopes of practice in the context of overall pharmacist practitioner development.
- d. Support and assist as a group with the implementation of an advanced pharmacy practice recognition model.

Membership

Each of the following eleven organisations are Members of the PPDC and provide one Representative each (current nominees are listed in parentheses).

- Australian Association of Consultant Pharmacy (Grant Martin)
- Australian College of Pharmacy (Jenny Bergin)
- Australian Pharmacy Council (Claire Bekema)
- Council of Pharmacy Schools: Australia and New Zealand Inc. (Ieva Stupans)
- National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (Shefali Parekh)
- Pharmaceutical Defence Limited (Gilbert Yeates)
- Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (Lisa Nissen)
- Pharmacy Board of Australia (William Kelly)
- Professional Pharmacists Australia (Jenny Madden)
- The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (Peter Guthrey)
- The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (Michael Dooley)

The Chair is appointed by PSA on behalf of Members with the agreement of Representatives. Currently it is filled by Dr Shane Jackson.

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