



COMMUNIQUÉ FROM THE PHARMACY PRACTITIONER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Pharmacy Practitioner Development Committee (PPDC) met in March 2015 and is pleased to report on the following outcomes.

Review of the competency standards

The Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) has been working as a consultant to the PPDC to inform the review of the [National competency standards framework for pharmacists in Australia](#). The PPDC was pleased to receive a draft final report from the AHHA on the findings of the background research, literature review and stakeholder consultation. The PPDC considered the consultant's recommendations on the structure, type and format of competencies required to reflect contemporary practice and likely future changes to pharmacy practice in Australia.

The PPDC discussed plans for the next stage of the review which will involve detailed consideration of the structure, format and wording of the competency standards and revision taking into account the AHHA recommendations informed by future consultations with PPDC member organisations and the broader profession.

Manuscripts

The PPDC is committed to communicating the work it undertakes on behalf of the pharmacy profession. The Committee was pleased to note that two manuscripts have been accepted for publication in pharmacy journals. A third manuscript is under consideration by another journal.

Advanced pharmacy practice

The PPDC has an ongoing role to assist in the implementation of an advanced pharmacy practice recognition model. Progress on the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) pilot program to credential advanced practice pharmacists was noted. The Committee was pleased to learn of the greater than expected level of interest shown by pharmacists and the breadth of professional practice areas. The PPDC acknowledged the important contributions of the pilot participants in advancing the pharmacy profession.

The PPDC will continue to work closely with the APC on issues which require profession-wide consideration, input and support.

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