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Early accreditation kickstarts MM2019 countdown

With less than two weeks left of [Early Bird registration](#), [Medicines Management 2019 \(MM2019\)](#), the 45th [SHPA National Conference](#) has been fully credentialed, kicking off the countdown to Australia's largest scientific pharmacy conference.

SHPA Chief Executive Kristin Michaels says beyond the engaging streams, unparalleled networking and professional motivation, the [conference program](#) will provide a learning boost early into the 2019-20 CPD year.

'Individual practitioners can accrue up to 11.75 CPD credits at MM2019 and we are thrilled to see more Group 2-accredited sessions than ever before across our program, which has been spearheaded by a new [national organising committee](#).

'Innovation and inspiration will be front and centre, with more than half of the contributed paper oral presentations and lightning talks delivered by first-time speakers and national and international [keynote speakers](#) taking the stage.'

International guests include Sir Harry Burns, global public health expert, and Jennifer Tryon, US leader in transitions of care, who will deliver keynotes alongside Victorian Rachael Robertson, the first female and youngest ever leader of an Antarctic mission to Davis Station.

Ms Michaels says MM2019 encapsulates SHPA and its members' commitment to elevate the role of hospital pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and their peers to transform Australia's healthcare system.

'By bringing together great minds and ideas from all care settings and jurisdictions, we can continue to advance pharmacy practice and patient care, to grow and shape policy and, ultimately, achieve better outcomes for Australian patients.

'The unforgettable gala dinner will headline the social calendar, taking delegates to the "[Octopus Garden](#)" as the beach meets the Beatles, including brand new awards among the celebrations.

'Afterward, visitors can wind down by exploring the Gold Coast's many cultural attractions, 70 kilometres of sun, sand and surf and 100,000 hectares of world heritage-listed rainforest just a short drive away.'

[MM2019 Early Bird registration](#) closes **5.00pm AEST Monday 16 September**.

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This CPD event has been accredited for 8.25 hours of Group-1 CPD (or 8.25 CPD credits) of which up to 3.5 hours can be converted to Group-2 CPD (a total of up to 11.75 CPD credits) suitable for inclusion in an individual pharmacist's CPD plan. The accreditation number is S2019/72

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About SHPA

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national, professional, for-purpose organisation for leading pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working across Australia's health system, advocating for their pivotal role improving the safety and quality of medicines use. Embedded in multidisciplinary medical teams and equipped with exceptional medicines management expertise, SHPA members are progressive advocates for clinical excellence, committed to evidence-based practice and passionate about patient care.

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