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AdPha welcomes new Health Minister for Tasmania

Advanced Pharmacy Australia (AdPha) congratulates Jacquie Petrusma MP as Tasmania's new Minister for Health.

Advanced Pharmacy Australia (AdPha) is today looking forward to continuing its strong partnership with Tasmania's new Health Ministry under Jacquie Petrusma while acknowledging the many successes achieved under outgoing Minister Guy Barnett.

AdPha President and fellow Tasmanian Tom Simpson says AdPha has always collaborated well with the Tasmanian Government to improve quality of care for Tasmanians and has no doubt this will continue under Tasmania's new Health Ministry.

'AdPha welcomes the appointment of Ms Petrusma who, as an experienced nurse, will bring fresh new perspectives to patient care and be a fantastic advocate for all Tasmanian patients.'

'We also thank outgoing Health Minister Barnett for working with us to achieve great results already, particularly his support for the hospital pharmacy workforce through improved salary conditions, and investment in redeveloped hospital pharmacy facilities.'

'These investments will ensure that the pharmacy workforce continue to deliver on the Tasmanian government's centrepiece medication safety initiatives, such as statewide Partnered Pharmacist Medication Charting (PPMC) and Bedside Medication Management (BMM) services.'

'These innovative models of pharmacy care have proven to improve efficiencies by helping to free up time for doctors, nurses and other health professionals to focus on delivering more direct patient care.'

'We hope to see this successful work continue under Ms Petrusma's leadership and we

look forward to working with her and the team to support Tasmania's response to the Scope of Practice review final report.'

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Formerly trading as the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia, or SHPA, Advanced Pharmacy Australia (AdPha) is the progressive voice of Australian pharmacists and technicians, built on 80 years of hospital innovation that puts people and patients first. AdPha supports all practitioners across hospitals, transitions of care, aged care and general practice to realise their full potential. We are the peak body committed to forging stronger connections in health care by extending advanced pharmacy expertise from hospitals to everywhere medicines are needed.

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