



29 October 2021

Alice Bhasale
Director, Clinical Care Standards
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care
GPO Box 5480
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Ms Bhasale,

RE: Acute Anaphylaxis Clinical Care Standard: Consideration of endorsement

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national professional organisation for more than 5,200 pharmacists, pharmacists in training, pharmacy technicians and associates working across Australia's health system. SHPA is committed to facilitating the safe and effective use of medicines, which is the core business of pharmacists, especially in hospitals.

Thank you for your letter seeking endorsement by the SHPA for ACSQHC's Acute Anaphylaxis Clinical Care Standard. SHPA welcomes this standard to improve the recognition of anaphylaxis, and the provision of appropriate treatment and follow-up. SHPA has consulted with our Emergency Medicine Specialty Practice Group, who provide care to patients in emergency departments with anaphylaxis.

The role of hospital pharmacists is vital in achieving the Quality Statements outlined in this standard. These roles include providing education and counselling on the administration of adrenaline auto-injectors to consumers and carers, ensuring 'as required' adrenaline auto-injectors orders are promptly charted as well as ensuring the appropriate storage of adrenaline auto-injectors.

SHPA hereby gives endorsement to the standard in-principle on the condition that on page 7 and page 40, the definition of term 'clinician', specifically includes hospital pharmacists due to their vital role in maintaining this standard. Many interpretations of the term 'allied health professional' exclude pharmacists, including in hospitals where the majority of pharmacy departments sit separately to allied health departments, and report to medical services directors as opposed to allied health directors. The term 'primary care', although including community pharmacists, does not adequately represent hospital pharmacists. SHPA recommends consideration of this in the finalised standard.

On condition of this change being effected, SHPA gives permission for the ACSQHC to use the SHPA logo (attached) within the standard and on an endorsement webpage within the Commission's website. SHPA also agrees to publish the finalised Acute Anaphylaxis Clinical Care Standard on our Specialty Practice webpages.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss our submission further, please do not hesitate to contact Jerry Yik, Head of Policy and Advocacy on yyik@shpa.org.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K. Michaels'.

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