

Media release

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Hospital Pharmacists congratulate Dr Fei Sim, new President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) today welcomes and congratulates Dr Fei Sim as the incoming President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA).

SHPA President Peter Fowler congratulated Dr Sim on her unanimous election by the PSA National Board to lead PSA from 1 July 2022.

'Dr Sim has been an effective and inspiring leader for community pharmacy practice, and a strong advocate for expanding the scope of pharmacy practice to achieve better healthcare outcomes for Australians.

'Dr Sim has been a strong part of PSA's leadership for many years, including as President of the Western Australian Branch and Chair of their Contemporary Community Pharmacy Practice Community of Specialty Interest.'

Mr Fowler says SHPA and PSA share many common interests in achieving quality use of medicines and medicines safety in all areas where members practice.

'We look forward to continuing our strong relationship into the future as the pharmacy sector faces both opportunities and challenges.

'In particular, we look forward to expanding opportunities for pharmacists in primary care to prevent avoidable hospital admissions in a constrained system, and embedding pharmacists into aged care facilities from 2023, as key areas of collaboration.

'Central to these are ongoing workforce capacity and sustainability issues. I know that, as a university lecturer, Dr Sim is cognisant of the issues facing our early career pharmacists and pharmacy students.

'I would also like to congratulate Michelle Lynch on her reappointment as Vice President, and Past-President Dr Shane Jackson as Vice President, both of whom are passionate about advancing the pharmacy profession.

'Finally, I extend a warm farewell to Associate Professor Chris Freeman, who has steered PSA through a challenging time for the Australian healthcare system amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and achieved many significant outcomes for pharmacy research and aged care pharmacy services, as well as elevating recognition of medicines safety as a National Health Priority Area.'

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About SHPA

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national, professional organisation for the 6,100+ Hospital Pharmacists, and their Hospital Pharmacist Intern and Hospital Pharmacy Technician colleagues 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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