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# Collaboration is key to Medication Safety

On World Patient Safety Day, Advanced Pharmacy Australia (AdPha) releases their third annual World Patient Safety Day series focusing on collaboration.

To celebrate [World Patient Safety Day 2024](#), AdPha proudly presents the 3rd annual [World Patient Safety Day series](#) authored by the AdPha Medication Safety Leadership Committee. Edited by Linda Graudins FANZCAP (MedSafety), with the theme of **collaboration is key to Medication Safety**, this year's series provides seven perspectives exploring the many patient benefits that come from fostering a culture of collaboration across all facets of health care.

Toni Howell FANZCAP (Lead&Mgmt, MedSafety), AdPha Medication Safety Leadership Committee Chair, says she says the series begins by discussing collaboration with consumers.

*'World Patient Safety Day prompts us to stop and consider the purpose of everything we do, how much risk is involved, and how important it is to keep striving for excellence.*

*'It also reminds us that no matter how earnest and dedicated we are, we can't fix medication safety on our own!*

*'This series celebrates the relationships that strengthen and enhance medication safety across Australia.*

*'Engaging with consumers about medication safety keeps us all on our toes, in the best possible way. There are enormous benefits in this collaboration; co-design and genuine partnering to improve medication safety, and this relies on open and honest engagement.*

*'A goal of our series is to give different perspectives on the same theme: the joys and*

*benefits of working together to achieve great things!*

AdPha President Tom Simpson FANZCAP (Lead&Mgmt) says collaboration is at the heart of innovations in practice that are the hallmark of advanced pharmacy.

*'Hospital pharmacists can help alleviate pressures on our medical colleagues, reduce length of hospital admissions and improve patient safety through collaborative models of care like Partnered Pharmacist Medication Charting (PPMC), while pharmacy technicians can help pharmacists and nursing staff spend more of their time delivering direct patient care through expanded clinical support roles.'*

*'Released last week, [Pharmacy Forecast Australia 2024](#) provides new insight into how empowering pharmacist-led innovation can improve patient outcomes and close gaps in care continuity while improving the efficiency of the health system.'*

In the 2024 World Patient Safety Day series, freely available online:

- [Toni Howell](#) (Chair, Vic) opens this year's series with a moving article about how genuine collaboration with consumers will be one of the most thought-provoking, rewarding, enjoyable, and heartbreaking experiences in your medication safety career.
- [Linda Gaudins](#) (Editor, Vic) explores several key areas benefitting from collaboration between pharmacists and nursing staff for safer patient outcomes
- [Wendy Ewing](#) FANZCAP (MedSafety) (Vic) highlights collaboration across medical disciplines.
- [Nam-Anh Nguyen](#) FANZCAP (MedMgmt, MedSafety) (WA) presents opportunities for medication safety arising from virtual collaborations.
- [Lisa Robertson](#) FANZCAP (Lead&Mgmt, MedSafety) (Tas) describes the ways effective collaboration with pharmacy technicians and assistants can support medication safety.
- [Claire FitzGerald](#) FANZCAP (Lead&Mgmt, MedSafety) (NSW) explains how collaboration with procurement teams supports medication safety, especially during times of medicine shortages.
- [Kerry Fitzsimons](#) (WA) closes the series by discussing the critical importance of collaboration with governance units by mapping medication safety across all the NSQHS Standards.

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