

# SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

## Integrating non-dispensing pharmacists into general practice

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA), with the assistance of the Australian Digital Health Agency is seeking expressions of interest from general practices in the Gold Coast and Brisbane areas to participate in a Pharmacists in General Practice project

The project will examine the role of the pharmacist in increasing the utilisation of digital health measures by practitioners and patients, including the use of My Health Record, & Electronic Prescribing.

### **Integrating a pharmacist into your practice will result in improved practice level and patient care outcomes as demonstrated by (for example):**

- Improved digital health literacy
- Increased utilisation of My Health Record by clinicians and patients
- Increased utilisation of electronic prescribing
- Improved individual patient health outcomes i.e. blood pressure and cholesterol levels, HbA1C
- Improved patient medication adherence
- Reduced inappropriate polypharmacy
- Improved prescribing practices
- Increased and enhanced inter-professional relationships between practice pharmacists and other health care professionals
- Improved transitional care
- Improved general practice staff knowledge and satisfaction
- Improved patient knowledge and satisfaction

### **Benefits for general practice**

- Experienced pharmacist matched to your practice' needs
- Increased time for GP consultations
- More integrated patient care
- Support GP activities associated with MBS item numbers
- On average, pharmacists employed 16 hours a week may relieve 4 hours of GP time/week.<sup>1</sup>
- It is estimated that a clinical audit undertaken by one pharmacist in an Australian trial lead to a cost saving of approximately \$125,700 over 3 years and \$183,000 over 5 years.<sup>1</sup>

### **Requirements**

- Ability to provide a dedicated consulting room for the pharmacist to use two days a week
- Pharmacist will need to be able to access medical software
- Current demographic analysis software license
- Onboarding of pharmacist with practice policies & processes

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<sup>1</sup> Capital Health Network. ACT PHN Pharmacist in general practice pilot 2016-2018. 2018. At: [https://www.chnact.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/CHN\\_PiGP.pdf](https://www.chnact.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/CHN_PiGP.pdf)

## How to apply

Send your EOI application to [jarrod.mcmaugh@psa.org.au](mailto:jarrod.mcmaugh@psa.org.au) or respond via the following Survey site:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6NMF57D>

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# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Application

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<b>Applicant Name and Position:</b>	
<b>Name of Practice:</b>	
<b>Practice Address:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
<b>Please confirm that your practice will be able to meet the following requirements:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Provision of an appropriate consulting room for two days per week for 6 months	
<input type="checkbox"/> Provision of access to medical software for pharmacist (including dedicated login/credentials)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Current demographic analysis software license	
<b>Questions</b>	
Is your practice an accredited practice? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Working towards	
What medical software does your practice use?	
<b>Additional comments</b>	