

Media release

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Hospital Pharmacists welcome new AMA President and Vice President

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) welcomes the election of incoming Australian Medical Association (AMA) President, Professor Stephen Robson, and Vice President, Dr Danielle McMullen.

SHPA President Peter Fowler congratulates Professor Robson and Dr McMullen on their elections, on behalf of the Hospital Pharmacy profession.

'Professor Robson and Dr McMullen both bring a wealth of experience across the acute and primary care sectors and SHPA looks forward to continuing to work together with the AMA to improve the quality, capacity and sustainability of Australia's healthcare system.

'SHPA has supported the AMA's recent campaign to "Clear the Hospital Logjam", as ambulance ramping, long waiting lists for surgeries and crowded emergency departments have contributed to a deterioration in safety and the quality of care doctors and pharmacists are able to provide when patients need critical hospital care.

'Doctors and pharmacists work together each day to enhance the quality and safety of care, with collaborative initiatives such as Partnered Pharmacist Medication Charting allowing doctors to spend more time with patients directly. In this spirit, we look forward to exploring further ways in which doctors and pharmacists can unite to support system capacity.'

Mr Fowler also thanked Dr Omar Khorshid and Dr Chris Moy for their leadership over the last two years.

'Over the COVID-19 pandemic, which is currently causing another surge in hospitalisations in Australia, Dr Khorshid and Dr Moy have been leaders for not just the healthcare sector, but the Australian community, in advocating for pandemic mitigation measures and educating Australians about COVID-19 and how to protect themselves and their community.

'We are also grateful to Dr Khorshid for providing a partner perspective to our [Pharmacy Forecast Australia 2021](#) and [Pharmacy Forecast Australia 2022](#) reports, and we look forward to inviting Professor Robson and the AMA to offer their valuable insights again in next years' *Pharmacy Forecast Australia 2023*.'

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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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