

# Joint media release

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## Leading students look to their pharmacy futures

With dual focus on individual professional development and the future shape of Australia's pharmacy workforce, registrations for the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) and the National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (NAPSA) **Student Symposium 2019** are [now open](#).

Taking place on **Friday 12 July in Melbourne**, the **SHPA-NAPSA Student Symposium 2019** is a must-attend event for all pharmacy students aspiring to enter the dynamic and challenging hospital setting.

NAPSA President Jess Hsiao says the one-day event – [free to SHPA student members](#) – builds on last year's successful inaugural event, to give leading students and interns considering a career in hospital pharmacy an edge.

'The SHPA-NAPSA Student Symposium will examine three main topics, *What is hospital pharmacy? How do I get a job as a hospital intern/pharmacist?* and *Now I'm a hospital pharmacist, what happens next?*

'We've sourced perspectives from all over Australia to provide students with information that's pointed and relevant. The program is both inspiring and vital, including interactive workshops on job applications, interview skills and the opportunity for students to interact with leaders in hospital pharmacy.'

SHPA Chief Executive Kristin Michaels says the Student Symposium is a unique opportunity for pharmacy students to start considering their stepping stones as they plan an impactful career contributing to improved health outcomes for Australian patients.

'The program will again open with networking over coffee, a rare chance for students to network with future peers.

'After the extremely positive feedback from last years' attendees, the 2019 Student Symposium will once again be offering advice on how to get that all-important first job and what new and developing opportunities are coming for hospital pharmacists.'

'This is a great opportunity to examine all employment pathways into the complex and rewarding hospital pharmacy environment, and we are excited to energise our student members as they explore what their hospital pharmacy career could look like.'

Ms Michaels says the ongoing alliance between SHPA and NAPSA is crucial as Australian pharmacists' scope and breadth of practice continues to expand.

'Our partnership offers students an opportunity to learn more about hospital pharmacies, specifically their options to undertake an internship, and how their advancing, specialty skills will contribute to patient care in coming years.

'The symposium enhances SHPA's free student membership, which includes event discounts, online access to *Pharmacy GRIT*, admission to Specialty Practice interest groups and equips students for the strongest possible starts for their careers in pharmacy.' Ms Michaels says.

Visit the [SHPA-NAPSA Student Symposium 2019](#) online for more information or to register.

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**About SHPA**

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national, professional, for-purpose organisation for leading pharmacists and pharmacy technicians 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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**About NAPSA**

The National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (NAPSA) represents the interests of approximately 3500 members whom are undergraduate and postgraduate students studying at seventeen universities across Australia. NAPSA is run by students for students, and strives to provide many opportunities for its members, like networking and social events. NAPSA also strives to be the voice of the pharmacy students of Australia in the pharmaceutical industry.

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