

Media release

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Minister Butler to open Medicines Management 2024 in Adelaide as call for abstracts open

The [Call for Abstracts](#) has opened for Australia's largest scientific pharmacy conference as the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) confirms that the Hon Mark Butler MP, Minister for Health and Aged Care, will deliver a Ministerial Address at the Opening Plenary of Medicines Management 2024 (MM2024) this November.

Senator the Hon Anne Ruston, Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care will open Plenary 2 of MM2024, held under the theme 'It starts with a spark', attracting world-class speakers and leading research that will excite and inspire pharmacists, technicians and their peers.

[Abstract submissions](#) are open to practitioners from all care settings until 11.59pm AEST Monday 15 July 2024, and are welcome in three categories: original research, pharmacy practice and case reports.

SHPA Chief Executive Kristin Michaels says it will be a pleasure to welcome Minister Butler and Senator Ruston to the stage of what is shaping up as another blockbuster conference in the heart of [Adelaide BioMed City](#), South Australia's world-class precinct of research translation and innovation.

'Innovation is in the DNA of our organisation and our people, and this year's MM2024 theme seeks to illuminate new ideas and foster connections that become catalysts for change.

'We look forward to hosting Minister Butler to showcase the achievements of our leading members, including advances in pharmacist prescribing, pharmacist and technician scope of practice, revised Clinical Pharmacy Standards, and the rapidly-growing Australian and New Zealand College of Advanced Pharmacy (ANZCAP).

'With an Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement on the way, a new five-year national hospital funding agreement to be negotiated and the Scope of Practice review to be finalised at the end of the year, MM2024 will be a great opportunity for delegates to hear from Minister Butler on the opportunities for the pharmacy sector, and how our colleagues are supported to make an even greater contribution to the health and wellbeing of Australians.'

SHPA Vice President Dr Kate O'Hara says demand is high for MM2024 as specialty pharmacy practice continues to thrive.

'We're thrilled to open the call for abstracts for what promises to be another amazing event.

'MM2024 will showcase the edges of practice that will inspire pharmacists and technicians working in our hospitals, in the community, in residential aged care, in transitions of care and in medication review services.

'We encourage all aspiring researchers with an idea ready to spark, to submit an abstract before they close in July.'

Further information on abstracts available at mm2024.shpa.org.au/abstracts

Full MM2024 details available at mm2024.shpa.org.au

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