

# Media release

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## Changing of the guard as JPPR poised for further growth

After seven years leading the *Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research* (JPPR) through unprecedented growth, Dr Chris Alderman has stepped down as Editor-in-Chief of the flagship journal of the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA), with Professor Michael Dooley today announced as his successor.

Over his tenure, Dr Alderman has presided over the successful move to an online-only journal, increase in output to six issues per year, unprecedented growth in article downloads and international editorial and audience expansion.

Professor Dooley, who is immediate past President of SHPA, Director of Pharmacy at Alfred Health and Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at Monash University, praised Dr Alderman's commitment to building the profile and quality of JPPR, which spanned the journal's 50<sup>th</sup> year celebrations in 2016.

'As Editor-in-Chief Dr Alderman oversaw the migration to a wholly online journal in partnership with Wiley and extension to six issues per year, important modernising steps that have seen JPPR mature to a stronger and more visible journal.

'The growth of JPPR during this time has reflected and supported growth in the quality of research undertaken and the changing scope and scale of practice impacting the use of medicines.

'I look forward to fostering a journal that provides an avenue for publication of high quality research, debates the complex issues faced in health care and enables commentary on the important issues influencing pharmacy practice.'

Dr Alderman thanked the supporting JPPR 'family' of editors and reviewers for their part in the journal's recent years of increasing reach and impact.

'It has been a pleasure to serve our growing cohort of readers across Australia, the region and the world and I thank JPPR's Associate Editors, Assistant Editors and many priceless peer reviewers for their dedication and support.

'It has been a great privilege working with this group of talented and motivated individuals, who have reliably delivered a journal of good quality and consistency.

'Over the last few years article downloads have more than tripled, clear evidence that JPPR continues to produce research that is relevant to contemporary pharmacy practice and I have no doubt this will continue to strengthen under Michael's strategic oversight.'

SHPA Chief Executive Kristin Michaels says research is integral to SHPA, from supporting members to build and maintain practice portfolios to facilitating pharmacy research project grants.

'Our members are committed to evidence-based practice and SHPA is dedicated to supporting pharmacists to embed research skills into their everyday work.'

'A strong and growing professional organisation needs a contemporary journal and, on behalf of members and the Board, I thank Dr Alderman for his leadership at a transformational time for JPPR.'

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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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