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Standing tall for technicians: SHPA releases new Standard of Practice

The first full day of Medicines Management 2019 (MM2019) has seen the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) stand behind Australia's technician workforce with the release of a new Standard of Practice supporting their essential contribution to the hospital pharmacy profession and patient care.

In the afternoon plenary of SHPA's National Conference on the Gold Coast, Chief Executive Kristin Michaels announced the release of the [Standard of Practice for Pharmacy Technicians to support Clinical Pharmacy Services](#), the latest in SHPA's progressive release of new and updated Standards across the full spectrum of pharmacy practice.

'The Standard outlines how – with appropriate education, training and competency assessment – pharmacy technicians can undertake a range of ward-based administrative, supply, technical and cognitive activities.

'It is fitting that at Australia's largest scientific pharmacy conference, in which we have a dedicated Technician Stream, we release this important document with our members and the broader profession.

The Standard will be incorporated into the revision of the [Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacy Services](#).

Trudy Teasdale, SHPA Board Director and Chair of SHPA's Pharmacy Technician Role Redesign Steering Committee, says development of the Standard incorporated best practice from across Australia.

'We've gathered the views and expertise of a broad range of members over many months of consultation.

'This major revision modernises this important document to better reflect the value that technicians provide to our patients when working in a clinical pharmacy setting.'

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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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