



21 June 2018

Therapeutic Goods Administration
PO Box 100
WODEN ACT 2606

Dear Therapeutic Goods Administration,

RE: Consultation on miconazole and fluconazole: proposed advisory statements for medicines

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia is the national professional organisation for more than 5,000 pharmacists, pharmacists in training, pharmacy technicians and associates working across Australia's health system. SHPA is committed to facilitating the safe and effective use of medicines, which is the core business of pharmacists, especially in hospitals. SHPA supports pharmacists to meet medication and related service needs, so that both optimal health outcomes and economic objectives are achieved for Australians, as individuals, for the community as a whole, and for healthcare facilities within our systems of healthcare.

SHPA supports the amendments to entries in the *Required Advisory Statements for Medicine Labels* for miconazole and fluconazole to:

- *Ask your doctor or pharmacist before use if you are taking warfarin, a medicine used to thin the blood, because bleeding or bruising may occur.*

SHPA believes that these changes should be included in the Product Information and Consumer Medicines Information (CMI) for these medicines, and that all medicine boxes should contain a CMI leaflet

If you have any queries or would like to discuss our submission further, please do not hesitate to contact Johanna de Wever, General Manager, Advocacy and Leadership on jdeweever@shpa.org.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kristin Michaels'.

Kristin Michaels
Chief Executive Officer