

Media release

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SHPA congratulates reelected Coalition Government

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) today congratulated the returning Morrison Coalition Government and urged the government to continue to engage with hospital pharmacists as they implement their election commitments to health.

SHPA President, Peter Fowler says the organisation applauds the \$308 million commitment to reducing the cost of life-changing medicines for Australians by increasing access to the safety net for people who require multiple medications and looks forward to working with the incoming government.

'SHPA would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Prime Minister and Coalition in forming government. We look forward to continuing to work constructively with the Minister for Health to ensure Australians have access to high quality and safe medicines through the PBS program in Australian public and private hospitals.

'The Coalition made clear during its campaign that PBS medicines are a significant priority, and we look forward to what can be achieved for Australian patients with the additional listings.

'Medicine management remains an ongoing challenge with the transition of care from the acute setting to primary care presenting key challenges for health policy. With the implementation of My Health Record and associated electronic medical records, hospital pharmacists are well placed to reduce medication error and support better patient outcomes.

'SHPA will continue to work with the Department of Health on the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) and other funding mechanisms. This election has shown the importance of continued stability in sectors such as hospitals and healthcare and SHPA is keen to see that reflected in funding across pharmacy settings.'

Mr Fowler congratulated the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia and the Morrison Government on the commitment to declare medicines safety a National Health Priority Area.

'Medicine safety is a key priority of pharmacists in hospitals where complex care is commonplace. We welcome greater recognition of this important area of work'.

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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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