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RE: Request for endorsement – Venous Thromboembolism Clinical Care Standard

Dear A/Prof Walker

Thank you for the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care's (ACSQHC) letter on 6 March 2018 seeking The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia's (SHPA) endorsement for the ACSQHC's *Venous Thromboembolism Prevention Clinical Care Standard*.

SHPA is the national professional organisation for over 4,900 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 is pleased to endorse the ACSQHC's *Venous Thromboembolism Prevention Clinical Care Standard*, and have attached our organisational logo for you to show SHPA's endorsement on your website and other relevant materials.

We are pleased to see our recommendations regarding Quality Statement 5 to recognise electronic medication charts and Quality Statement 7 to ensure an assessment of the patient's ability to self-administer and dispose medicines is undertaken.

SHPA believes that Quality Statement 2 should explicitly state that the best possible medication history is undertaken by a pharmacist, and not by a trained clinician.

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 jdewever@shpa.org.au or (03) 9486 0177.

Yours sincerely,

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

Kristin Michaels
Chief Executive