

HOSPITAL PHARMACY WORKFORCE AT A GLANCE



6,100+

Hospital Pharmacists

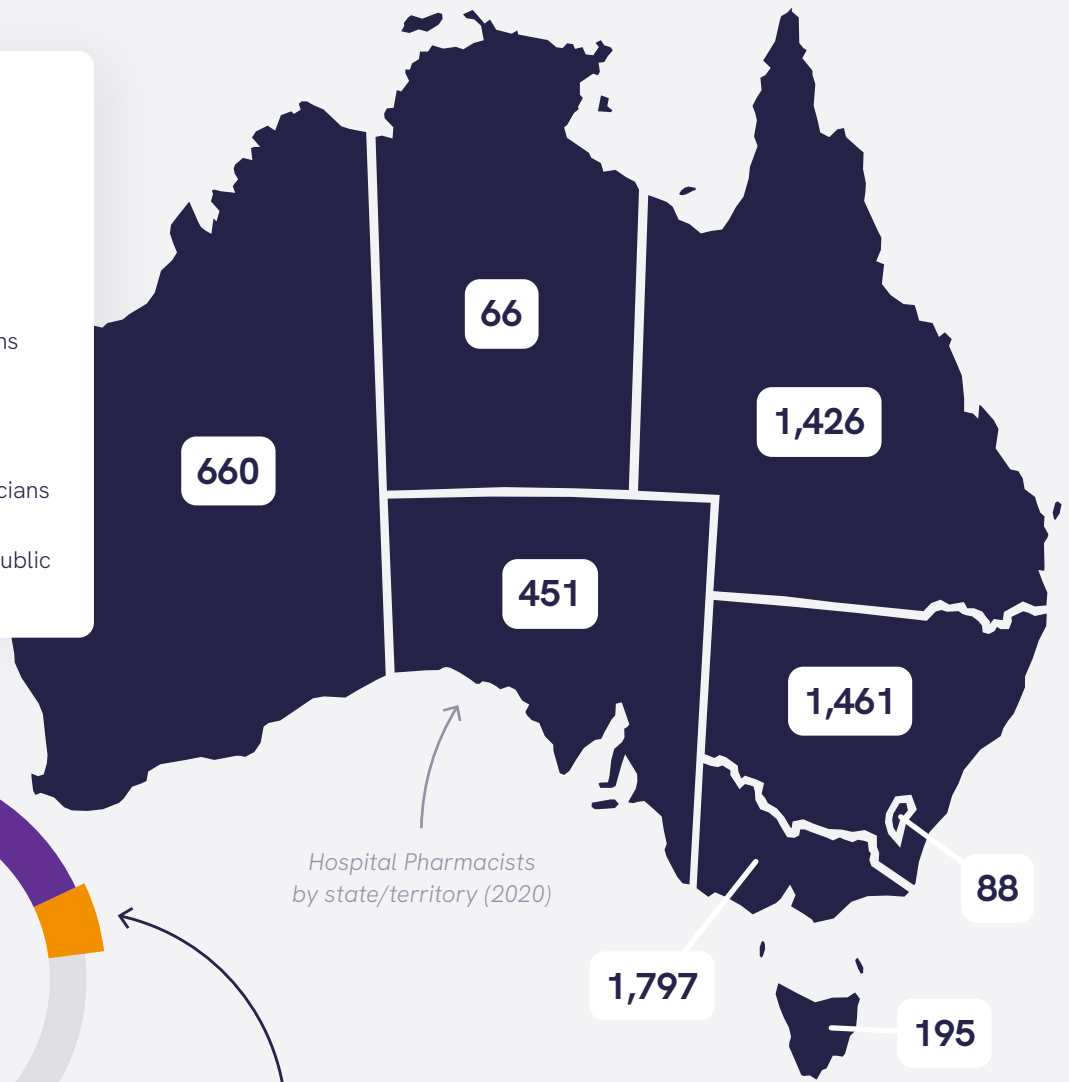
250+

Hospital Pharmacy Interns

~1,000

Hospital Pharmacist Technicians

working across Australian public and private hospitals.



Hospital Pharmacy is the fastest-growing pharmacy sector in Australia:

2013

4,000 Hospital Pharmacists

18% of all pharmacy jobs

2021

6,100+ Hospital Pharmacists

23% of all pharmacy jobs



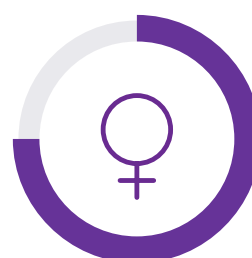
82%

of Australian pharmacy students want jobs in Hospital Pharmacy.



50%

of the Hospital Pharmacy workforce is aged 34 years or younger.



75%

of the Hospital Pharmacy workforce is female.



How do Hospital Pharmacists differ from Community Pharmacists?

- **Hospital Pharmacists work collaboratively alongside doctors and nurses** in hospital wards to support the safe prescribing, supply and administration of medicines and safe patient care.
- Hospital Pharmacists **provide care and supply medicines to patients requiring urgent hospital treatment for acute and unexpected medical events**, whereas Community Pharmacists care for generally stable patients living in the community
- Hospital Pharmacists are more likely to have **post-graduate qualifications and certifications**.
- **Hospital Pharmacists uniquely specialise in medical disciplines** such as cancer care, geriatric medicine and intensive care.
- **Hospital Pharmacists supply more complex, high-cost and specialised PBS medicines** compared to Community Pharmacists.

Hospital Pharmacy's contribution to the Australian healthcare system

- **24%** of all **PBS expenditure** is supplied by Hospital Pharmacists to hospital patients, exceeding **\$3b** and **4.9m PBS prescriptions** annually, and continues to grow year on year.
- The majority of new PBS medicines listed in the past decade are initiated and/or supplied in hospital settings.
- Of this, Hospital Pharmacists supply **69%** of all **PBS Highly Specialised Drugs**, and **58%** of all **PBS cancer medicines**.
- For every **\$1 invested** into Hospital Pharmacy services, approximately **\$23 is saved** in the Australian healthcare system by **reducing length of stay, readmission risk, need for medical procedures, and increased the safety and quality of medicines use**.
- Hospital Pharmacists treat patients when they are at their most unwell, often after experiencing a significant health event such as a stroke, heart attack, cancer treatment, organ transplants and sepsis.
- Hospital Pharmacist-led medication management services **reduce hospital readmission rates and medication-related hospital admissions**, of which there are 250,000 annually costing the Australian healthcare system \$1.4 billion each year.
- As at March 2022, Hospital Pharmacists have assisted to deliver over 20 million doses, or **37% of all COVID-19 vaccination** doses to Australians via state and territory COVID-19 vaccination clinics.
- Over the COVID-19 pandemic, Hospital Pharmacists have been treating patients diagnosed with COVID-19 using innovative, novel medicines procured by the Federal Government and distributed from the National Medical Stockpile.