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President's Report

Dear NAPSA members,

Happy belated New Year!

I hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing break over the festive season and have settled back into the swing of things.

January saw the annual NAPSA Congress which was hosted virtually this year by [James Cook University Pharmacy Students' Association \(JCUPSA\)](#). NAPSA Congress is the premier educational and networking event for pharmacy students in Australia, and was a great success despite being online.



The [Pharmacy Student of The Year \(PSOTY\)](#) Wildcard Competition is an annual competition hosted by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) at NAPSA Congress. The PSOTY Competition showcases the outstanding counseling skills of pharmacy students to the rest of the pharmacy profession. This year, there were many outstanding 'pharmacists', so I would like to commend everyone who participated and gave it a go! The winner of this year's PSOTY Wildcard Competition was [Renee Buckland](#), a fourth-year student from James Cook University and also the President of JCUPSA. Renee has over ten years of experience working in community pharmacy, and her commitment to the profession certainly shined during the competition! Congratulations Renee for such an outstanding and well-deserved achievement!

Another highlight of the NAPSA Congress is the annual Student Research Poster Competition. This competition features research poster submissions from pharmacy students related to pharmacy practice as well as clinical pharmacy. I would like to extend my congratulations to Kate Brufitt, winner of the NAPSA Student Research Poster Competition. Kate presented a poster on: Evaluation of cardiovascular risks associated with the use of erythromycin prior to endoscopy for upper gastrointestinal haemorrhage. I would also like to congratulate Liam Elliot, winner of the People's Choice award. Liam's poster presentation was on: Evaluating Community Pharmacy performance in the Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence Program based on operational activity and pharmacist reported outcomes and experiences.

Research has become a key focus for NAPSA, with the [inaugural issue of the Australian Pharmacy Students' Journal \(APSJ\)](#) being published in January. The APSJ is here to break open a new research culture within the profession, integrating students and interns into the research sphere from early on in their careers.

Publishing the first issue of the world's first pharmacy student journal truly marks the start of an era, and highlights the extraordinary capabilities of our future pharmacists. I would like to thank NAPSA Executive Director of Research, Forrest Tang, and Research Chair, Joanne Wickens, for all of their hard-work and dedication to the success of this project.

January was a very busy month for NAPSA, with it also being Fighting Infectious Diseases Week! As part of this, our NAPSA Pharmacy Awareness Chair, Ellen Jeon, worked with the Pharmacy Awareness Chairs across our NAPSA Branches to create an educational, Q&A-style [video](#) on infectious diseases. Thank you to the incredible Pharmacy Awareness team for creating such an informative and fun video!

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia's annual conference is the [Australian Pharmacy Professional Conference and Trade Exhibition](#) (APP), which will be held in the Gold Coast from March 24 to 27 2022. This year, NAPSA offered three all-inclusive scholarships to APP for pharmacy students who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to, as well as have strong aspirations for, working in community pharmacy. The APP Scholarships are an incredible initiative pioneered by our NAPSA Treasurer, Georgia Bridges, and we were amazed to receive 29 applications! The calibre of all applicants was very high and it was difficult to only select three winners. I would like to congratulate Jade Craig, a fourth year student from Curtin University, Western Australia; Shannon Lee Allender, a fourth year student also from Curtin University, Western Australia; and Renee Buckland, a fourth year student from James Cook University, Queensland, for their excellent applications and successfully winning the scholarship!

Each year at APP NAPSA hosts the annual [NAPSA Alumni Networking Event](#). This year, the Alumni Night will be held on Friday March 25th from 5:30-8pm at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Center. Tickets are only \$20 and can be purchased online [here](#). I would encourage everyone within the pharmacy industry to come along and attend, as it is a unique opportunity to connect with future, current and former pharmacists, and learn about their journeys in the profession.

[NAPSA's Charity Cup 2022](#) is just around the corner! We are proud to announce that over eight weeks from Monday 14th March to Sunday 15th May, our Branches will be raising money for [Myeloma Australia](#). Throughout these two months, NAPSA will be raising awareness regarding Myeloma while supporting our Branches as they work to raise funds for this not-for-profit organisation. Keep an eye out on our social media for ways in which you can help support our Branches!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at president@napsa.org.au with any questions or suggestions. Thank you!

Verity Boustead
2021/22 NAPSA National President



Queensland Pharmacy Students' Association

BRANCH SPOTLIGHT

Hi there! My name is Grace Quach and I am from The Queensland Pharmacy Students' Association (QPSA) at The University of Queensland, based in Brisbane, Queensland.

I am a fourth year student at the University of Queensland. I am studying a Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) - Majoring Clinical and Experimental Therapeutics. I am currently in my final year of my degree and will be commencing my honours project this semester!

Grace Quach
QPSA President



I have been involved in QPSA events and their netball teams since first year, however, I join the committee in late 2020 as the Publications Chair and have now taken up an executive role.

2022
Excitement?

Definitely our annual
Pharmacy Ball!

Favourite Past Events?

Despite all the challenges that COVID brought, QPSA has had an amazing few years! We are the two time winner of **Pub Crawl of the Year** with our annual Scrub Crawl! Last year we had **650 attendees** and this year we aim for 1000!

Our Annual Ball was also a massive success and we can't wait for our Ball this year. QPSA was also the winner of the **2021 Vampire Cup**, and raised over \$550 for Red Cross Australia.

This year QPSA has put together one of the **biggest Market Day bags** with over 30 brands involved and we are hoping for our biggest membership this year!

Pharmacy Thoughts?

Being from a small rural town, I have found myself drawn to a career in rural health. At UQ, we are given the opportunity to go on community placement almost every semester.

Last year I completed two placements in two different rural pharmacies and I absolutely loved it! I found the connection and rapport that I built with the patients incredibly beneficial and rewarding.

I believe that as incoming Pharmacists, especially during these challenging times, we are in such a great position to learn new things, and to continue our growth in pharmaceutical knowledge and communication.

Being apart of QPSA and UQ has aided in my development as a pharmacist and a person, and has foster life-long relationships and networks.

Grace Quach
QPSA President



Renee JCUPSA – Branch Update

I'm Renee Buckland from JCUPSA! We are located at James Cook University across Townsville, Cairns and Mackay. I am located in Townsville. I am the 2021/2022 President, we will be electing a new President in May! I am enrolled in a Bachelor of Pharmacy (Research Honours) and going into my 4th and final year. I have been involved in my branch since first year, starting off as a Pharmacy Awareness Chair, then to Secretary.

Favourite Past Event

There are so many things that I am proud of JCUPSA achieving! We just finished hosting the 2022 Congress which had lots of great feedback! We also hold some great events and have a really large portion of our JCU pharmacy students as members of JCUPSA!

2022 Excitement?

I am looking forward to getting stuck into Charity Cup! Our Pharmacy Awareness chairs have already been working hard to get our fundraising ideas set up. We will also be holding great events across this semester including Welcome Back Mixers, Networking events and Pub Crawls on all of our sites!

Pharmacy Thoughts?

I have been working in community pharmacy since I was 14 and being a pharmacist is what I have always wanted to do! I love the difference you can make in the life of patients and the vast range of clinical knowledge you develop throughout a pharmacy degree.

Renee Buckland
JCUPSA President 21/22



SAPSA Branch Update

Since our last update with the ePlacebo in October, SAPSA has welcomed in a new Committee following our once again successful AGM at the end of October and we are very excited to see where our new Executives, President Nadine, VP Luca, and Treasurer Adam will steer this committee!

So far, the SAPSA team has been committed to making this year about value for our members, starting with a successful early bird sale of AMH 2022 saving our students \$70 on what's jokingly known as the "Pharmacy Bible".

We were also excited to return to campus this year and participate in O week events for the first time since Covid hit. It was a highly successful three-day event with two days in person, playing "spot the difference" and "pronounce the medicine" and handing out great prize bags; followed by an online session with pharmacy students on SAPSA and the tips of uni life – hopefully they were inspired!

We have also launched an online space for pharmacy students – The SAPSA Discord. We hope it will be a fun way for students to connect since campus is still under covid restrictions, including uni related study, movies or games.

This year's social secretaries have been working hard to populate a year full of fun events with our First years Covid Safe BBQ and Cocktail night "Eternal City" set to go ahead in early March. (Attached is the full event list so far). The Cocktail night will be extra special for our 4th years in Adelaide, with their final exam being in the morning and placement starting the Monday after!





SAPSA and its members are looking forward to the charity cup this year! We are dedicating our pub crawl, quiz night and many smaller events such as an amazing race and photo completion to raising money and are hoping for a big turn out to support.

Looking forward to updating everyone on SAPSA's Progress for 2022!

Jessica Shannon
SAPSA Publication Chair

SAPSA is committed to running fun events all year long and providing students chances to connect

The new online space offers:

1. The "Public Library" 
2. The "Student Lounge" 
3. The "Golden Cinema" 
4. The "Arcade" 

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AUSTRALIAN PHARMACY STUDENTS' JOURNAL

Supporting the research endeavours of future pharmacists

The [Australian Pharmacy Students' Journal \(APSJ\)](#) would like to introduce the publication of its [inaugural issue](#). We would like to ask you to let all your students know about the availability of this journal. This inaugural issue marks the start of an era, where students can partake in growing the database on medicines knowledge for all health professionals by publishing research they have led.

This inaugural issue marks the start of an era, where students can partake in growing the database on medicines knowledge for all health professionals by publishing research they have led. In this issue, we have a variety of articles, including:

- an editorial from the Co-Editors-in-Chief of the APSJ, introducing the journal
- an invited editorial by Michael Dooley on the importance of research and the positive impacts of the APSJ to contribute to the development of the pharmacy profession.
- an invited editorial co-written by Verity Boustead and Simon Bell about the personal development of pharmacy students participating in research and the long term improvements to future pharmacists
- a feature article co-written by Vasilios Sotiropoulos and Matthew Perry identifying a gap of a pharmacy students journal
- a feature article from Aisling McEvoy on sustainability in the pharmacy industry
- four student-led original research articles of varying topics
- three opinion pieces on "how COVID-19 has impacted your experience as a pharmacy student"

The National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (NAPSA) has developed this student-led journal, through which Australian pharmacy students will have exclusive access to publish their work and have the opportunity to participate in reviewing other students' submissions. The APSJ is however expecting to expand its reach and invite and feature pharmacy students internationally.



The APSJ is the only peer-reviewed pharmacy student journal in the world. Our purpose is to facilitate the work that students conduct in the research sector and project it into the industry.

The APSJ is a journal created by students, for students.

WHY STUDENT LED RESEARCH?

Research is a key area that many pharmacy bodies have identified as an area that needs to be developed in the pharmacy profession and by targeting this development at a student level, we can foster essential research skills and create a research culture that will positively impact the future of the pharmacy profession.

The opportunities for student-led research in pharmacy are widespread, with all accredited Australian undergraduate pharmacy programs offering an integrated honours stream. Student-led research is an avenue where students can improve written communication abilities, critical analysis and problem-solving skills within a team environment. It is these skills that are essential and will build leaders within the pharmacy profession.

ABOUT THE JOURNAL

The APSJ aims to:

- Strengthen the quality of student-led research in the pharmacy industry of Australia
- Provide a platform for students to publish their research in a peer-reviewed journal
- Promote the importance of student-led research within the profession
- Encourage evidence-based practice and stimulate research culture
- Develop skills of critical analysis under the supervision of an academic mentor
- Provide opportunities for students and early career pharmacists to gain skills and experience in academic publishing

The journal accepts submissions from students currently studying pharmacy, undertaking an internship or early career pharmacists who have completed their research during their studies. Research in which an academic has supported a student, however, a student must have led the research and been the main author.

The journal is published bi-annually, with the second issue due to be released in June 2022 with the closing date for submissions to be the 10th of April. The APSJ is an open-access journal that is indexed to ensure authors' work is projected into the research pool. The APSJ is proudly supported by a team of seasoned academics as well the SHPA as a Strategic Partner.

Please find further information about the journal at: <https://apsj.com.au>

Teagan, UoNAPS – Branch Update

Who are we chatting to?

Teagan, UoNAPS President at the University of Newcastle, Newcastle NSW.

I am a 4th Year Pharmacy Student, and have been involved in UoNAPS for the past 3 years.



Favorite Part of UoNAPS Involvement?

I have loved being a part of UoNAPS' blood drive, donating as part of the Branch.

Other highlights have been planning the ball and getting UoNAPS jumpers organised.

Fast Facts from Teagan!

2022 event I am most excited for is our End of Year Ball!

I love community pharmacy, but i am nervous that there is still so much to learn. I love to study outside when there are no mozzies.

RANDI Update

Call for Rural Spotlight Submissions!

As pandemic restrictions have eased across the country this past year, the opportunity to attend rural placement has once again become a possibility. Have you recently gone on a rural or regional placement? Write about your experience in 100–200 words, and you can be featured in the next edition of the ePlacebo!

Please email any written submissions + photos to rural.indigenous@napsa.org.au

Prianka Maharaj
RANDI Chair | NAPSAs 21/22

APP Scholarship Winners

We are proud to announce the winners of our APP Scholarship.

- Shannon Lee Allender – Curtin University
- Jade Craig – Curtin University
- Renee Buckland – James Cook University

Thank you to everyone who applied. We cannot wait to see some of you there!

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Poster Competition Winners

NAPSA would like to formally congratulate Kate Burfitt as the winner of the annual NAPSA research poster competition and Liam Elliott as the recipient of the people's choice award. This year, the Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA) had once again sponsored the competition and awarded Kate the opportunity to attend the APSA conference at the end of this year. We are extremely excited to see Kate develop throughout her career and her contributions to the pharmacy profession.

This year's competition was judged by Forrest Tang, NAPSA Executive Director of Research, Ellie Hawkins, NAPSA Executive Director of Education and our invited judge, Professor Simon Bell, specialising in medication use and safety.

We are excited to announce that this year for the poster competition there were seven posters submitted. We are extremely impressed with the passion and hard work each student has put into their submissions. Of the seven posters, three of the posters were presented during the NAPSA 2022 Online Congress. Simon commented that Kate Burfitt, Liam Elliott and Jack Papworth had presented their posters enthusiastically, outlining the important implications for education and clinical practice of their research.

We hope that this competition can motivate current and future students to engage in the research facet of pharmacy and contribute their work relating to pharmacy into the database of information and knowledge.

Forrest Tang
Executive Director | NAPSA 21/22

Liam Elliot's submission:

This study established a baseline and identified trends in the operational MATOD activity of South Australian community pharmacies

Evaluating Community Pharmacy Performance in the Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence Program Based on Operational Activity and Pharmacist Reported Outcomes and Experiences

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Introduction/Issues and Aims:

Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence (MATOD) is a harm minimisation strategy centred around daily supervised dosing, often in community pharmacies. Establishing a baseline of operational MATOD pharmacy activity is required to prioritise current resources for education, training and support. Thus, we aimed to establish a baseline and to identify trends in operational MATOD and other harm minimisation activities in South Australian (SA) community pharmacies.

Method/Approach:

Quantitative operational data describing MATOD provision in SA pharmacies in 2019/2020 were extracted from published regulatory government agency and non-government organisation datasets. Additional data describing the perspectives of SA community pharmacists providing MATOD were collected using an electronic survey (n = 51) in 2021. Results were summarised using descriptive statistics.

Key Findings:

- 89% of SA MATOD clients dosed at community pharmacies.
- Use of buprenorphine/naloxone (Suboxone®) increased from 2019 to 2020.
- MATOD pharmacies were relatively evenly distributed across SA, relative to population distribution.
- Pharmacies situated near accredited MATOD prescribers tended to service more MATOD clients.
- Pharmacies with large numbers of MATOD clients were more willing to accept additional clients.
- Participation in the Take-Home Naloxone Pilot and Clean Needle Program were associated with servicing more MATOD clients.
- Most pharmacists were aware of buprenorphine depot formulations.
- 80% of pharmacies had received formal MATOD training.

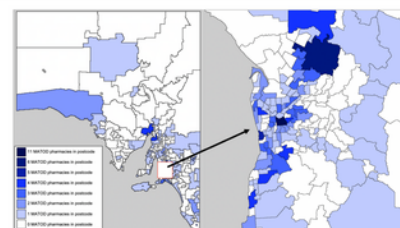


Figure 1: Map showing the distribution of community pharmacies providing MATOD services across South Australia.¹

Discussions and Conclusions:

The study established a baseline and identified trends in operational MATOD activity of SA community pharmacies. This evaluation could be repeated in the future to facilitate planning and provision of Drug and Alcohol Services SA (DASSA) and SA Pharmacy services.

Implications for Practice or Policy:

These results allow prioritisation of DASSA/SA Pharmacy resources to support SA community pharmacists, improve client access and enhance new and existing community pharmacy MATOD services.

Reference: ¹Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 2020 June NPSAD Pharmacy Numbers, June 2020

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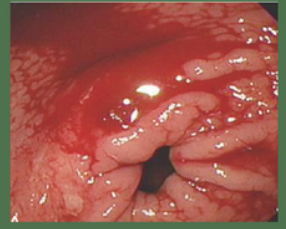


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Kate Burfitt's Submission – Winner

Evaluation of cardiovascular risks associated with the use of erythromycin prior to endoscopy for upper gastrointestinal haemorrhage

Kate Burfitt, School of Biomedical Sciences & Pharmacy, University of Newcastle



Introduction

Erythromycin is used 'off-label' as a prokinetic prior to endoscopy for upper gastrointestinal haemorrhage (UGIH). Certain drugs, including erythromycin, have the potential to prolong the QT interval which can lead to an increased risk of a life-threatening arrhythmia, torsades de pointes (TdP). The risk may be increased via drug-drug interactions, and in the presence of risk factors (Figure 1). Risk evaluation should be performed to prevent potential patient harm.

Aims

The primary aim of the study was to evaluate risk factors for QT prolongation and possible TdP in patients who received intravenous erythromycin prior to endoscopy for UGIH.

The secondary aim was to determine if a standardised risk assessment occurs in this setting.

Methods

A retrospective audit was conducted to identify patients in the Hunter New England Local Health District who received intravenous erythromycin from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021. The indication, dose, frequency, and concomitant medications were recorded. Age, sex, comorbidities and electrocardiogram (ECG) were included. Manual measurement of the QT interval was plotted against heart rate on the QT nomogram (Figure 2). If the measurement was above the line, the QT was considered 'prolonged.' Pharmacokinetic interactions were obtained from the Australian Medicines Handbook 'Drugs and CYP Enzymes' tables. CredibleMeds 'QT Drug Search Engine' was used to identify pharmacodynamic interactions with erythromycin. Risk factors from this source were used (Figure 1) (see QR Code below). Clinical records were reviewed to determine if formal risk assessment was recorded.

Figure 1: Non-pharmacological risk factors for QT prolongation

Female Sex

Age >65 years

Hypothyroidism

Electrolyte Disorder

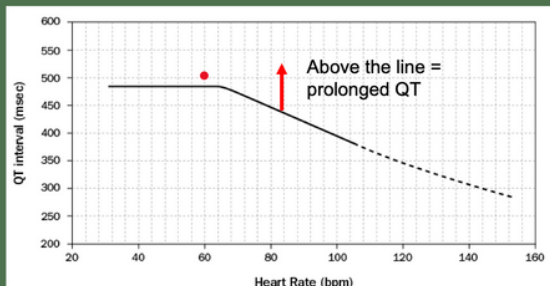
Congenital Long QT Syndrome

Cardiac Disease

Pheochromocytoma

Figure 2: QT heart rate nomogram

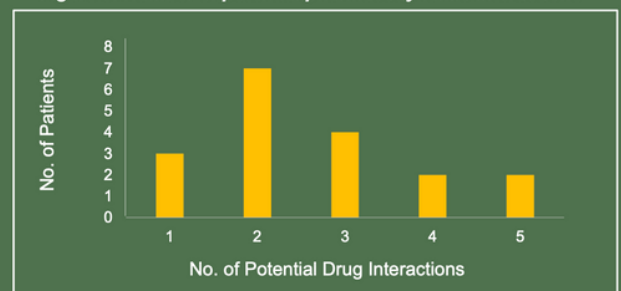
For example, a patient with a heart rate of 60 bpm and a QT interval of 500 ms, would be plotted on this graph (red dot). The red dot is above the QT line, therefore the patient has a prolonged QT.



Results

- 133 patients were identified and 18 met the inclusion criteria.
- Despite normal QT on ECG reports, 4 patients had a prolonged QT when calculated manually, prior to administration of erythromycin; 3 had a prolonged QT post-erythromycin.
- Thirteen patients were taking at least 1 CYP3A4/5 substrate which erythromycin could potentially inhibit. Of these, 2 agents had a 'known' risk and 2 had a 'conditional' risk of QT prolongation.
- Every patient was co-prescribed at least 1 agent with increased risk of a pharmacodynamic interaction. Nine patients were on combinations with a "known" risk, 3 with a "possible" risk (Figure 3).
- Eleven patients had at least one non-pharmacological risk factor for QT prolongation: 7 patients were over the age of 65, 5 patients were female, 8 patients had an electrolyte disorder. Two patients had three concomitant disorders. One patient had bradycardia and 1 patient had hypothyroidism.

Figure 3: Number of potential pharmacodynamic interactions



Discussion

The lack of manual calculation of QT is of concern, as several patients were identified at risk of adverse cardiovascular outcomes, which may have precluded use of erythromycin. The risk of QT prolongation appears to be driven by potential pharmacodynamic drug-drug interactions. One patient was identified at significant risk concurrently taking five interacting medications – haloperidol and ondansetron with a known risk and CYP3A4/5 substrates, three with increased risk. This patient recorded a prolonged QT following administration of erythromycin when manually calculated.

Formal assessment of non-pharmacological risk factors appears limited and may contribute to increase risk and potential patient harm.

Conclusion

While there were no apparent adverse outcomes, results from this audit suggest that cardiovascular risk factors may be present in patients who receive IV erythromycin prior to endoscopy for UGIH. When assessing risk, physicians should be encouraged to perform a manual measurement of QT to increase accuracy. A standardised risk assessment tool could be developed, presenting an opportunity to involve pharmacists in the perioperative setting.

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Pharmacy Awareness

Following the successful launch of Diabetes Awareness Month in November 2021 and AIDS Awareness Month in December 2021, we, the Pharmacy Awareness chairs, have created an interactive video using the best known tiktok dance challenge to celebrating Fighting Infectious Diseases Week, which ran from 10th to 15th January 2022.

The video was created to answer some frequently asked questions regarding infectious disease, such as some examples of infectious disease, how infectious disease spreads, the causes of infectious disease, and how to quickly stop infectious disease spread.

Chloe from JCUPSA, Yurie from UWA, and Angel from GUAPS were among the Pharmacy Awareness Chairs who worked with me.

We added some interesting information about infectious disease at the end of the dance, such as the number of reported cases in 2019, the mortality rate due to infectious disease in 2018, and why early immunisation and full immunisation are crucial to prevent disease incidence.

You can watch the video again and share it with your friends, family, and community on our [FaceBook](#) and [Instagram](#).



Ellen Jeon
2021/22 NAPSA Pharmacy
Awareness Chair



Pharmacy Awareness

NAPSA also announced that the Charity Cup will be held again in 2022. This year, our branches across Australia will work for 8 weeks to raise money for Myeloma Australia. During this time, NAPSA will continue to increase awareness of myeloma while also assisting our Branches in raising funds for this non-profit organisation. Keep an eye out for further information on how you can contribute, as well as support for our branches in your region!

I'd want to express my gratitude to Madison Johnston for uploading it to the NAPSA social media channels. We're always welcoming new members, so please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you'd like to join the team in spreading pharmacy and public health awareness!

Ellen Jeon
Pharmacy Awareness
NAPSA 21/22





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The PSA intern training program has thoroughly prepared me for my career post-intern year.

The staff and tutors at the PSA were incredibly helpful and supportive during the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Erin Cooper
2021 PSA Intern
of the Year

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FOUR-FIFTHS OF STUDENTS SEE THEMSELVES IN HOSPITAL PHARMACY... ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?

Australian pharmacy students **overwhelmingly** see themselves in hospital pharmacy in the near future, according to a poll hosted at the NAPSA Virtual Congress and [reported in AJP](#) in February:

'In a session presented by the PSA, national board director Dr Tin Fei Sim asked delegates: "Where do you see yourself in five years?"

*'Delegates could choose more than one role. Among respondents, **82% selected "hospital pharmacist"**. Meanwhile half that amount (41%) selected community pharmacist. The same amount (41%) chose general practice pharmacist.*

'18% chose community pharmacy owner or manager, and the same amount chose credentialed pharmacist.'



The findings came as SHPA flew the Hospital Pharmacy flag across the 2022 NAPSA Congress program, with **Kylee Hayward, Head of Workforce Development** (pictured, right) presenting *The hospital pharmacy pathway*, highlighting how early experience in the hospital environment through student and intern placements and SHPA's [Residency](#) and [Specialty Practice](#) programs can give an edge in the dynamic and competitive sector.



On Thursday evening, **Dr Jacinta Johnson, SHPA Vice President**, Lecturer in Pharmacy at the University of South Australia and Senior Pharmacist – Research at SA Pharmacy presented SHPA and powering your pharmacy career, an overview of the state of play at SHPA and how membership and participation can help when entering the challenging and rewarding world of hospital pharmacy.





As we have done for five years, in the latest issue of *Pharmacy GRIT* we celebrate the dynamic Hospital Pharmacy profession, inspiring pharmacy students who want to follow in the footsteps of leaders and innovators.

In addition to articles by [Tara van der Vliet](#) on the challenging and rewarding world of pharmacists who volunteer, [Lisa Robertson](#) reflects on navigating cross-purposes in the effort to harmonise clinical guidelines, while [Joanne Wickens](#) who shares the story of the nurse who made the career switch into hospital pharmacy, this issue is wrapped up with our [third Residency Supplement](#) – a national platform for the research, review and case reports of Australia's leading early career pharmacists.

SHPA's five-year birthday is an opportunity to reflect on the extensive ground covered, and we revisit the [headlines and designs of the 19 Pharmacy GRIT issues to date](#).

SHPA members' stories over the past five years are as diverse as the SHPA community, and we are pleased to present a colourful 'cover of covers' to sign off on our last *quarterly* issue.

Importantly, with SHPA embarking on vast improvements to members' online experiences this year, Pharmacy GRIT will be moving to a new online home that will make accessing and sharing articles to a broader audience easier than ever.

Of course, the leading legacy features *DrugScan* and *Medication Safety* will continue to be released four times a year.

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March 2022

Australian Capital Territory

- 09 - Live Webinar: Oral COVID-19 Treatment Update - ACT
- 10 - Immunisation Practical Workshop Online Delivery
- 31 - Immunisation Training and Workshop - WAITLIST

New South Wales

- 09 - Live Webinar: Oral COVID-19 Treatment Update - NSW
- 11 - Wound Care and Clinical Assessment Workshop - Newcastle
- 11 - NSW Annual Therapeutic Update 2022
- 11 - Immunisation Practical Workshop Newcastle (ATU)
- 16 - PSA Connect Series CV Writing and Interview Skills Workshop - SOLD OUT
- 23 - Webinar: Are you ready for Safescript NSW
- 27 - Immunisation Practical Workshop - North Sydney

Northern Territory

- 09 - Live Webinar: Oral COVID-19 Treatment Update -NT
- 31 - Immunisation Training and Workshop - WAITLIST

Queensland

- 09 - Immunisation Practical Workshop - Brisbane, Morning and Afternoon
- 09 - Live Webinar: Oral COVID-19 Treatment Update - QLD
- 10 - Immunisation Practical Workshop - Brisbane - SOLD OUT
- 17 - Immunisation Practical Workshop - Brisbane, Morning
- 31 - Immunisation Training and Workshop - WAITLIST

South Australia

- 09 - Live Webinar: Oral COVID-19 Treatment Update - SA
- 31 - Immunisation Training and Workshop - SA - WAITLIST

Tasmania

- 09 - Live Webinar: Oral COVID-19 Treatment Update - TAS
- 31 - Immunisation Training and Workshop - WAITLIST

Victoria

- 08- Immunisation Practical Workshop - SOLD OUT
- 09 - Live Webinar: Oral COVID-19 Treatment Update - VIC
- 17 - Immunisation Practical Workshop Melbourne, Morning and Afternoon

PSA Upcoming Events

- 22 - Immunisation Practical Workshop Melbourne - SOLD OUT
- 29 - Immunisation Practical Workshop Melbourne - Morning and Afternoon.
- 31 - Immunisation Training and Workshop - WAITLIST

Western Australia

- 09 - Live Webinar: Oral COVID-19 Treatment Update - WA
- 22 - Immunisation Practical Workshop Online Delivery
- 31 - Immunisation Training and Workshop - WAITLIST

April 2022

Australian Capital Territory

- 09 - Immunisation Practical Workshop, Morning and Afternoon.

New South Wales

- 07 - Immunisation Practical Workshop, North Sydney, Morning and Afternoon.
- 30 - Immunisation Practical Workshop, North Sydney, Morning and Afternoon.

Northern Territory

- 02 - Webinar: Emergency contraception guidelines and education for pharmacists - NT

Queensland

- 02 - Webinar: Emergency contraception guidelines and education for pharmacists - QLD
- 19 - Immunisation Practical Workshop - Brisbane both morning and afternoon - QLD

South Australia

- 01 - 2022 PSA SA/NT Pharmacist Awards
- 06 - Immunisation Practical Workshop Morning and Afternoon, Adelaide.

Victoria

- 02 - Immunisation Workshop Melbourne. Morning and Afternoon
- 07 - Immunisation Practical Workshop, Morning and Afternoon

Western Australia

- 28 - Immunisation Practical Workshop, Morning and Afternoon.

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