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## Big changes for SHPA publishing program announced at Medicines Management 2016

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) President, Professor Michael Dooley today announced major changes for the SHPA publishing program.

“From next year the Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research (JPPR) will have six issues each year, thus assisting authors by decreasing the time from submission to review and publication,” said Professor Dooley.

“As part of a modernisation process, and a response to requests by SHPA members, JPPR will be an online only publication next year and we will be seeking to have it indexed in Web of Science (an online scientific citation indexing services that access multiple databases) and Medline, the US National Library of Medicine bibliographic database.”

“Achieving specialist academic listing will require that all articles are authoritative, peer-reviewed and complete. The process of peer review is to ensure all research is well designed and worthy of being shared and that statistics are accurately presented,” said Professor Dooley.

“These stringent academic requirements will necessitate replacement of the popular member service aspects of JPPR,” he said. “However, we will be introducing a new publication to fill the void.”

“The new serial publication will be a high quality hybrid of scientific content and matters of practice, community, career and the Society,” he said.

“It will reflect the diversity of practice amongst our members and will support ‘calls to action’ on important issues.”

“It will provide a publishing platform that encourages early career pharmacists to publish their work and it will reflect the diversity of the SHPA community,” said Professor Dooley.

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### About SHPA

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national professional organisation for more than 4,500 pharmacists, pharmacists in training, pharmacy technicians and associates working across Australia’s health system. SHPA is the only professional pharmacy organisation with a core base of members practising in public and private hospitals and other health service facilities.

SHPA is committed to facilitating the safe and effective use of medicines, which is the core responsibility 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.