

Medicines Management 2016, Perth off to a good start with 900 delegates – CEO Speech Sets Direction for the Future

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The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) CEO Kristin Michaels today, in the opening speech to over 900 delegates at the Medicines Management Conference in Perth, said SHPA's workforce strategy has recognised that the pharmacy workforce must adapt and transform.

"This is necessary if pharmacy is to continue to deliver healthcare that meets the future needs of patients," she said.

"Our actions to ensure a capable and competent workforce are aligned with the International Pharmaceutical Federation's vision and workforce goals."

"Across all the goals, SHPA can be seen to be having impact. The Federation strategy recognises the pharmaceutical workforce as inclusive of the whole pharmacy related workforce which is the approach we are taking."

Ms Michaels also called for a rethink about the future of healthcare and the Australian health system.

"We cannot allow continuation of archaic practices that limit the role of the hospital pharmacist in patient care," she said.

Ms Michaels said SHPA is not the largest pharmacy organisation but it is the only pharmacy organisation that is focused on, and can deliver, better, cost-effective health care.

"Our members are entitled to be heard and to play their part in giving Australia better medicines management and a more effective health system."

"To ensure we can meet member needs in terms of professional development and political representation, we are focusing on key initiatives and will make the most of our best resource – our members," said Ms Michaels.

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About SHPA

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national professional organisation for more than 4,000 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.