



Position Statement

APLF Recognises the Lack of Evidence for Homeopathy

The Australian Pharmacy Liaison Forum (APLF) supports the use of evidence-based medicine as the basis for clinical decision-making for best outcomes for the Australian public.

The APLF supports the findings of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) findings of the lack of effectiveness of homeopathy in treating health conditions.

The position of the APLF is:

1. The professions' Code of Ethics requires a pharmacist to recognise the health and wellbeing of the consumer as their first priority.
2. Pharmacists should not recommend or support the sale of homeopathic treatments.
3. Pharmacists should advise consumers that they may put their health at risk if they reject or delay treatments for which there is good evidence for safety and effectiveness.
4. Homeopathic alternatives should not be used in place of conventional immunisation.

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References: NHRMC Statement and Advice on Homeopathy

http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/files/nhmrc/media_releases/nhmrc_releases_statement_and_advice_on_homeopathy140311.pdf

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