The SHPA Australian Clinical Pharmacy Award

INTRODUCTION
The SHPA Australian Clinical Pharmacy Award may be awarded by Federal Council annually to a member of The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA), in recognition of outstanding contributions in the area of clinical pharmacy practice.

THE AWARD
The award shall be in the form of an inscribed plaque and a sum of $2500.

NOMINATIONS
Nominations for the award will be accepted from Branch Committees and Committees of Specialty Practice. Nominations may also be accepted from a group of any five (5) financial members of the Society.

The SHPA Federal Secretariat shall call for nominations for the Award each year by advertising in the Bulletin or the Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research and by notifying Branch Committees and Committees of Specialty Practice. The closing date for nominations is 1 July each year.

The nominators shall be members of SHPA. The nominees must have a minimum of 5 years recent continuous membership with SHPA.

NOMINATION PROCESS
Nominations shall be submitted electronically or via post and shall address the selection criteria outlined overleaf. All nominations shall include a letter in support of the nomination, the signed approval of the nominee, a curriculum vitae of the nominee and signed references from two referees addressing the selection criteria.

Branches or nominating parties are to notify the Secretariat that they are sending a nomination for an award. The Secretariat will send confirmation of receipt of nomination. If confirmation is not received by one week after the grant closing date, then the branch must contact the Secretariat to follow-up.

SELECTION PANEL
Nominations shall be considered by a selection panel chaired by the Federal President of the Society. The composition of the selection panel shall be:
• the Federal President of SHPA;
• the Chair of the SHPA Education Reference Group;
• the Chair of the SHPA Committee of Specialty Practice in Clinical Pharmacy;
• the Chair of the SHPA Committee of Research and Development Grants Program;
• the recipient of the Award from the immediately preceding year.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST
Selection panel members will be required to confirm acceptance to be on the selection panel and declare any conflict of interest. In the event of such conflict of interest, the Chair of the selection panel is authorised to select a substitute panel member.

SELECTION CRITERIA
In determining the recipient of the award, the selection panel shall give consideration to the following criteria:

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• outstanding contribution by an SHPA member in the field of clinical pharmacy practice. Such contribution may be made by academic achievement, professional leadership or national and international activity in clinical pharmacy, service to professional organisations (including SHPA), as well as other extra-mural activities;

• outstanding contribution to knowledge relating to clinical pharmacy practice or knowledge of therapeutics through research, clinical teaching, service on expert panels/committees, or publications in peer-reviewed pharmacy/medical/scientific journals.

If, in the opinion of the selection panel, no nomination of sufficient merit is received in a particular year, the panel may recommend that the award not be made. The recommendation of the panel shall be communicated to Federal Council for ratification.

The Federal Council of The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia shall have complete control of all matters pertaining to the conditions governing the Award and the selection of the recipient, and their decision on any matter shall be final.

VOTING
In the event that a member of the panel is nominated for the award, they shall absent themselves from the panel, and may not participate in the voting process.

In the event of a tied vote, the Chair of the selection panel shall have a casting vote.

In the event that a member of the panel has made one of the nominations or is a referee for a nomination, they shall not participate in the voting (refer Conflict of Interest).

In the event that only one nomination is received, the selection panel will be asked if they are satisfied the nominee has adequately met the award criteria and would be a worthy recipient of this award.

Recipient of the Award to be ratified by Federal Council at the August Council meeting.

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD
The Award shall be presented at the annual Medicines Management Conference of SHPA. Nominees for the Award will be announced and acknowledged for their achievements except where an award is not made. If the recipient is unable to attend, the Award shall be presented at an appropriate official SHPA event.

The presentation of the Award shall be accompanied by the delivery of an oration by the recipient with subsequent publication of the oration in Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research.

REVIEW OF THE AWARD
The terms and conditions of the award shall be subject to review every four years, or at the discretion of the Federal Council of the Society.

Next Review date: November 2018

ALL DOCUMENTS TO BE SENT TO:
Attention: Administrative Coordinator
SHPA
PO Box 1774
Collingwood VIC 3066
By: 1 July of each year

FORM OF THE AWARD
The award symbolises the aims of team treatment, particularly of patients with multiple and/or difficult conditions where doctor, nurse and pharmacist combine to achieve the best outcome.

The design shows two hands, those of the doctor and nurse, underlying the patient. The sick patient is shown lacking a crucial element. There is a hand above the patient holding the symbolic treatment for the patient. The hand holding the crucial piece is that of the pharmacist.