

Glossary

Fifth Agreement

Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement. The Fifth Agreement between the Australian Government and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (signed May 2010).

AACP

The Australia Association of Consultant Pharmacy

AGPN

Australian General Practice Network

Agreement

The Community Pharmacy Agreement between the Pharmacy Guild and the Australian Government.

AIHW

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

ANZCA

The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists

ASMI

Australian Self Medication Industry

Australia 2020 Summit

Summit convened by Australian Government at Parliament House Canberra, April 2008, aimed at harnessing ideas for the future of the nation from 1000 participants from wide range of fields.

BMI

Body Mass Index

CAM

Complementary and Alternative Medicine

CMI

Consumer Medication Information leaflets that inform a patient about prescription and pharmacist-only medicines, providing important facts to know before, during and after taking medicines.

Community Pharmacy

For the purposes of this document, 'community pharmacy' refers to the pharmacists (including pharmacy owners) and pharmacy assistants working in the network of over 5000 pharmacies throughout Australia, and their provision of primary health care-related goods and services to the Australian public.

COPD

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

CPA

Community Pharmacy Agreement

DAAs

Dose Administration Aids. A device developed to assist patients in better managing their medicines by arranging their medicines into individual doses according to the prescribed dose schedule throughout the day.

DoHA

Department of Health and Ageing

DVA

Department of Veterans' Affairs

e-Health

e-Health is the electronic management of health information, with the aim to deliver safer, more efficient and better quality health care.

eRx Script exchange

eRx provides the ability for doctors and pharmacies to exchange a copy of prescriptions electronically (e-Scripts). E-Scripts are encrypted and transmitted from prescribers to the secure eRx exchange and then retrieved from eRx by pharmacists for dispensing upon presentation of a prescription.

FIP

Federation of International Pharmacists

The Guild

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia

IGR

Intergenerational Report. Focuses on the implications of demographic change for economic growth and assesses the financial implications of continuing current policies and trends over the next four decades.

INR

International Normalised Ratio

GDP

Gross Domestic Product. A statistic commonly used to indicate national wealth. It is the total market value of goods and services produced within a given period after deducting the cost of goods and services used in the process of production but before deducting allowances for the consumption of fixed capital.

HMR

Home Medicines Review. A Home Medicines Review is a consumer-focused collaborative service used to assist the quality use of medicines. The HMR involves a GP consultation to generate the referral, a pharmacist interview with the patient (preferably in the patient's home), a clinical assessment by the pharmacist and a written report back to the GP

Location Rules

The rules determined by the Minister in relation to approval of pharmacists in respect of particular premises.

MBS

Medical Benefits Schedule

Medicare

A national, government-funded scheme that subsidises the cost of personal medical services for all Australians and aims to help them afford medical care.

MedsIndex

MedsIndex is a medication adherence tool that enables patients to track their adherence with medications, particularly in relation to how they are adhering with what was prescribed by their medical practitioner (GP) and what they are dispensed at the pharmacy.

Mirixa Australia

Mirixa programs help pharmacists to deliver more effective patient services through two software pieces – the first at the point of dispense that identifies qualifying patients. After approaching and enrolling the consenting patient, the pharmacist then uses a web-based clinical platform for streamlined clinical care, case documentation and management.

MUR

A pharmacist-initiated Medicines Use Review (MUR) is intended to allow for comprehensive, in-pharmacy discussion between the pharmacist and patient about their medicines.

National Program

For the purpose of the Roadmap, a National Program is one which appears in a majority of pharmacies in Australia

NCCTG

National Coordinating Committee on Therapeutic Goods

NCP

National Competition Policy

NDS

National Drug Strategy

NHHRC

National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission

NHMRC

National Health and Medical Research Council

NICM

National Institute of Complementary Medicine

NPA

National Prevention Agency

NPS

National Prescribing Service

PBS

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. A national, government-funded scheme that subsidises the cost of a wide range of pharmaceutical drugs, and that covers all Australians to help them afford standard medications.

PBS Online

Online Claiming for PBS-enabled pharmacies to submit a claim to Medicare Australia each time a PBS medicine is dispensed.

PCAA

Professional Compounding Chemists of Australia

POC

Point of Care

Project STOP

Project STOP is a decision-making tool for pharmacists aimed at preventing the use of pseudoephedrine-based products to manufacture methamphetamine.

PSA

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia

RMMRs

Residential Medication Management Reviews are medication reviews conducted for patients who reside permanently in aged care homes.

QCPP

Quality Care Pharmacy Program. QCPP is a quality assurance program aimed at raising the standards of service that pharmacies provide to the public. The program is based on business and professional standards developed by the Guild and other industry stakeholders.

QUM

Quality Use of Medicines. QUM is one of the central objectives of Australia's National Medicines Policy. QUM is based on selecting management options wisely, choosing suitable medicines if a medicine is considered necessary, and using medicines safely and effectively.

R&D Program

Research and Development Program funded under a Community Pharmacy Agreement.

Schedule 2

Pharmacy Medicine. Substances, the safe use of which may require advice from a pharmacist and which should be available from a pharmacy or, where a pharmacy service is not available, from a licensed person.

Schedule 3

Pharmacist Only Medicine. Substances, the safe use of which requires professional advice but which should be available to the public from a pharmacist without a prescription.

Schedule 4

Prescription Only Medicine. Substances, the use or supply of which should be by or on the order of persons permitted by State or Territory legislation to prescribe and should be available from a pharmacist on prescription.

Schedule 8

Controlled Drug. Substances which should be available for use but require restriction of manufacture, supply, distribution, possession and use to reduce abuse, misuse and physical or psychological dependence.

TGA

Therapeutic Goods Administration