



Needle & Syringe Program

The Needle and Syringe Program is an evidence-based public health program, which aims to minimise the transmission of blood borne viruses amongst people who inject drugs. The community pharmacy network is an important contributor to this initiative, representing over 50% of all the needle and syringe program outlets located in the community.

The Pharmacy Needle and Syringe Program (PNSP) is fully funded by the NSW Ministry of Health and is administered by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (NSW Branch).

Register to Participate

To support community pharmacies to actively participate in this important public health initiative, the program includes the following activities:

- The provision of Fitpacks® through sale or exchange to

members of the public;

- The provision of other items of injecting equipment where requested and available;
- Provision of access to a sharps disposal service to the community for the safe collection and return of Fitpacks®;
- Contributing to the provision of educational information to people who inject drugs for the purpose of minimising the transmission of blood borne virus infections
- Participating program pharmacies may also be eligible to receive program incentives, subject to satisfactorily meeting program requirements.

For pharmacies who are joining the program, a one-off incentive payment of \$350 plus GST is provided.

To register, go to www.guild.org.au/guild-branches/nsw/professional-services/nsp/register-to-participate.

Pharmacy Incentive Scheme

The NSW Pharmacy Incentive Scheme is fully funded by the NSW Ministry of Health and is administered by The Pharmacy Guild of Australia's NSW Branch.

Both new and existing pharmacies are eligible to receive an incentive payment of \$110 (incl. GST) per capita twice a year for patients who have been dosed continuously for two months prior to 30th April and 31st October each year. This incentive payment is capped to a maximum of 20 patients.

For further information, go to www.health.nsw.gov.au/pharmaceutical/pharmacists/Pages/otp-pharmacists.aspx.

Reminder – Subsidiary Drug Register Ordering Process

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (NSW Branch) has recently launched an online ordering platform for subsidiary drug registers on our website.

To order subsidiary drug register for methadone, buprenorphine, and buprenorphine/naloxone, go to www.guild.org.au/guild-branches/nsw/professional-services/pharmacy-incentive-scheme/subsidiary-drug-register-orders.

For any general enquiries or if you have any questions about either program, please contact the Guild on 02 9467 7100 or email melody.bulobin@nsw.guild.org.au.

