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FACT SHEET NO. 1

The facts about

The Australian Association of Consultant Pharmacy

History

The Australian Association of Consultant Pharmacy Pty Ltd (AACP) was established to develop a national approach to the practice of 'consultant' pharmacy as an expansion of the professional health role of pharmacy in Australia. The AACP is jointly owned by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) and The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (the Guild).

The AACP promotes and seeks recognition for the practice of consultant pharmacy and the provision of value-added, professional services in Australia.

Objectives

The AACP is the major credentialing body for professional pharmacy cognitive services that are remunerated separately from the supply of medicines.

The AACP's primary role is to develop and administer the assessment process leading to the accreditation of registered pharmacists. Once accredited, these pharmacists conduct Medication Management Reviews and are eligible to receive remuneration for the conduct of such reviews from the Australian Government.

In addition, the AACP may be asked to define and develop new professional or 'consultant' services and accredit pharmacists to provide them. To achieve this, the AACP will:

- Identify specific 'consultant' services
- Establish practice standards for these services
- Identify education and training requirements
- Establish accreditation procedures
- Negotiate with the Commonwealth and other funders on remuneration for these services.

Mission

The AACP's mission is to provide transparent and accountable processes for assessment and accreditation procedures.

The main tasks of the AACP are to develop and administer the accreditation procedures for pharmacists wishing to provide professional pharmacy services, and to provide access to the specialised training.

Governance

The AACP is managed by a Board comprising four nominees from each of the Shareholder companies (i.e., PSA and the Guild). The Board is responsible for the policy operation of AACP. The Chair of the Board is rotated every two-years between the Shareholders' organisations. The Chair does not have a casting vote.

Values

The AACP pursues excellence in:

- Innovation in identifying and enabling the values of professional pharmacy services
- Effectiveness in transforming ideas into strategies and valued programs
- Responsiveness to associates' product and service needs
- Collaboration with those responsible for defined areas of pharmacy and other health services
- Integrity in ensuring the quality of accredited pharmacist services.

Board of Directors

The AACP holds stewardship over specific areas of pharmacy in which key customers have an interest and, sometimes, specific expectations. In order to balance the interests of the shareholders, key stakeholder interests, expectations of associates and the independence of the advice provided by AACP staff, a reporting and meeting structure is maintained.

Current Accreditation

The AACP offers accreditation in Medication Management Reviews (MMRs), including both Home Medicines Reviews (HMRs) and Residential Medication Management Reviews (RMMRs).

The process consists of both initial and on-going accreditation. The initial accreditation is designed to identify pharmacists with the required competency to provide a particular professional service to the required level.

Reaccreditation

Accredited pharmacists are required to reaccredit annually to demonstrate that they have maintained currency.

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