

The GP–Pharmacy Interface: Cooperation or Competition?

Chair: Dr John Meaney

Facilitator: Ms Kris Honey

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10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Arrow on Swanston

10th Floor, 488 Swanston Street, Carlton 3053

- Purpose:** The role of pharmacists, particularly community pharmacists, is expanding from that of supplying pharmaceuticals to providing a broader range of medication management services. Recently there has been vigorous debate about the role of community pharmacy within primary care and its potential effect on the quality of care and the GP–patient relationship. The purpose of this event is to provide a forum for Chairs of Victorian Divisions to discuss these issues and, more generally, how divisions can work in partnership with the pharmacy profession to improve health outcomes.
- 9.45am** **Registration**
Coffee and tea available
- 10.00am** **Welcome**
Dr John Meaney – *Chair, GPDV*
- 10.05am** **Overview of Victorian Divisions' Roles in QUM and Potential Future Directions**
Mr Bill Newton – *CEO, GPDV*
- The Roles of Community Pharmacists as Partners in Care**
Mr Bill Scott – *National Vice-President and Chairman of the Health Economics Committee, Pharmacy Guild of Australia*
- The View from General Practice**
Dr John Meaney – *Dandenong & District Division of General Practice and Chair, GPDV*
- Panel Discussion**
Questions from the floor, and identification of key themes to discuss after morning tea.
- 11:25am** **Morning Tea**
- 11.45am** **Building GP–Pharmacy Relationships and Systems for Quality at the Division Level**
Dr Jeff Jenkinson and Debbie Norton – *West Vic Division of General Practice*
The West Vic Division have engaged with pharmacists since 1996, and ran an innovative GP-Pharmacy Liaison Project from 1999-2001. They have built on the lessons learnt since.
- 12.10pm** **Facilitated Discussion** – Key themes identified during morning session. Examples of potential topics: What should best practice multidisciplinary care between GPs and pharmacists look like in an ideal world? Do divisions have the capacity to achieve this and if not, what is needed? QUM – who is really responsible?
- 12:50pm** **Hot topics and close, followed by lunch**