

TIM PERRY NAMED PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA FELLOW

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The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) recently announced seven new Fellows in recognition of their outstanding contribution to PSA and the pharmacy profession. Western Sydney Primary Health Network (WSPHN) is thrilled that Western Sydney's own General Practice Pharmacist (GPP), Tim Perry, was one of the recipients.

Mr Perry has owned and managed community pharmacies in Sydney for 25 years. In recent times, he has worked as a non-dispensing GPP in various medical practices across Western Sydney in the General Practice Pharmacist Program. He also established his own Medicines Review Company, playing a key role in medicine safety through the provision of Home Medicines Reviews and Residential Medication Management Reviews in collaboration with community pharmacies, GPs and other health care teams.

WSPHN in partnership with the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) launched the GPP Program to implement a collaborative, patient-centred primary care model in March 2016. The program supports the integration of pharmacists into general practices across Western Sydney, working collaboratively as part of the patient care team. A GPP is a non-dispensing pharmacist who delivers clinical and education services to patients within the general practice setting. There are now six pharmacists working as part of health care teams in 21 practices across Western Sydney, who have conducted over 2,700 consultations between July 2018 and June 2019.

On winning the award, Tim said "Receiving a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society has already helped me have discussions with industry leaders and academics about how to further expand the connection between pharmacists and general practice. It's also assisted with raising awareness of the potential for other Primary Health Networks to emulate the fantastic leadership Western Sydney Primary Health Network has shown."

Earlier this year, PSA released the [Medicine Safety: Take Care Report](#) revealing that 250,000 Australians are hospitalised each year, with another 400,000 presenting to emergency departments, as a result of medication errors, inappropriate use, misadventure and interactions, highlighting the need for medicine harm to become a national health priority.

On hearing of Tim's award, Jane Assange, A/Director, Primary Care Development and Integration at WSPHN said, "We are delighted and congratulate Tim on this wonderful achievement."

"Tim has been instrumental to the success of the General Practice Pharmacy Program in Western Sydney. The GPP is an integral member of a patient's care team and we applaud Tim's dedication to the program and improving the health outcomes of the people of Western Sydney."



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Primary Health Networks (PHNs) are a federal government health initiative, established with the key objectives of increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for patients, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes and improving coordination of care to ensure patients receive the right care in the right place, at the right time.

In its role as the Western Sydney Primary Health Network, WentWest focuses on addressing national and regional health priorities in consultation and partnership with local GPs, Allied Health Professionals, consumers and community bodies and the broader health sector.



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