

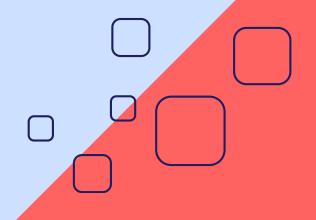






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Congress Chair Report

Dear NAPSA Members,

Benjamin Huang

What an incredible way to start the year! Even though a month has passed since NAPSA Congress, it still feels as vivid as if it happened yesterday. The week flew by, but I hope the friendships, connections, and memories you made will stay with you for years to come.

With 250 students gathering for Congress, this was the largest delegation we've had since COVID. Seeing so many passionate pharmacy students come together was a true testament to the strength and growth of our profession. I have no doubt that Congress will continue to evolve, becoming even bigger and better in the years ahead.

Looking back, I'm incredibly grateful for the energy and enthusiasm each of you brought. This week wasn't just about learning—it was about showcasing the drive and dedication that define the next generation of pharmacists. Watching students from across the country connect, collaborate, and inspire one another was nothing short of amazing.

One of my most memorable moments was standing on stage at the Gala Ball, reflecting on the journey that brought us all together. That night, I spoke about the power of community, the resilience we've shown both in our studies and in organising this event and the bright future ahead of us. As I looked around the room, I didn't just see students; I saw future leaders and innovators who will shape the future of pharmacy. That moment reinforced why events like Congress are so important they remind us of our potential and the impact we can make.

As we move forward, whether diving back into studies, starting internships, or stepping into the next stage of our careers, I encourage you to carry the energy of Congress with you. Stay connected, stay inspired, and continue striving to make a difference in pharmacy.

A huge thank you to our sponsors and volunteers, your support made everything possible, from insightful education sessions to the dynamic trade show. Your contributions ensured Congress was not just an event but an unforgettable experience.

I'm so thankful to have an amazing team throughout the whole journey with me, supporting me and contributing endless amounts of work. Sebastian, Erin, Ben, Keira, Nhi, Karen, Aaliah, Shelby, Shelton, Gaberial, Hillarie, Sukhleen, Constandina, thank you for your dedication, hard work, and unwavering support. Congress wouldn't have been the same without you, and I hope you're as proud of what we accomplished as I am.

Until we meet again, Benjamin Huang NAPSA Congress Chair 2025



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 - By providing CPD and other resources to help you in your career
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Explore Pharmacy Beyond Borders

INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL STUDENTS' FEDERATION

The International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) is the leading international advocacy organisation for pharmacy and pharmacy students. Founded in 1949, IPSF now represents over 100 countries globally, advocating for improved public health through the provision of information, education, networking and a range of professional initiatives. One of which includes the Student Exchange Program (SEP), the largest initiative organised by IPSF in collaboration with pharmacy student associations worldwide. This is an extraordinary cultural and educational experience for students to open their eyes to international career opportunities and gaining hands-on experience in various fields of pharmacy.



With more than 90 IPSF Member Organisation participating in SEP worldwide, and around 1000 international exchanges occurring yearly, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to not only visit your dream destination, learn about the regulations and inner workings of pharmacy there too. But also experience first hand what it is like to complete placement overseas as a pharmacy student and get involved in the local pharmacy student association. It is easy to get involved with SEP, simply contact the current IPSF chair, Joanne Yu, and email your interest.

"After attending NAPSA Congress 2025 and increasing exposure to this program, it became evident that awareness remains limited. However, once students learned about it, there was widespread interest. Understandably, the Student Exchange Program (SEP) in Australia was only brought back last year. Despite this, Australia is already welcoming more than ten incoming students and is set to send at least two students abroad in 2025." ~ Joanne Yu, IPSF Chair

"Last year at NAPSA Congress in Hobart, I discovered IPSF and the incredible opportunities it offers. Since then, it has taken me to Thailand and Singapore for APPS and to the Philippines for TDC, allowing me to connect with pharmacy students worldwide and gain valuable skills. One of IPSF's most exciting opportunities is the Student Exchange Program (SEP), and I highly recommend it—it's an experience you don't want to miss!" ~ Aaliah Nelson, IPSF Director.

Q & A section

Where can I go?

Check out the website below for the vast list of places you can visit! https://www.ipsf.org/sep-countries



When can I go on SEP?

Each individual country will have their own timeline, however IPSF as a whole follows a 'Winter' and 'Summer' timeline. With Winter SEP running from October to March of the next year and Summer SEP running from April to September.

What are the benefits of going on SEP?

It is a unique opportunity to gain international pharmacy experience, explore different healthcare systems, and develop professional skills. It also offers cultural immersion, networking with global peers, and the chance to travel while learning.

What are the requirements of SEP?

It varies depending on where you are going but make sure you are a member of your local pharmacy student association, with that membership you also get complimentary memberships to NAPSA and IPSF, IPSF membership is required for SEP.

Will this interrupt my university studies?

No it shouldn't. We recommend that you attend this during your university breaks.

Does this contribute to credit points?

There is no affiliation with universities. IPSF is solely a platform to allow students an opportunity to experience global pharmacy.

How long can I do placement for?

The minimum requirement is 40 hours and maximum is only limited by availability of the hosting location.

What types of placements are there?

It depends on the location, of all the options available there are: hospital, community, research and industry pharmacy placements.

I am super keen, where can I find more information regarding applications etc? NAPSA IPSF Team is holding a more in depth run through of everything IPSF and SEP. Please scan the QR code to register your interest.

Contact Joanne Yu for enquiries about SEP at seo@napsa.org.au
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Pictured above: 2024 Student Grant winner Yannee Liu (Monash University) at PSA24

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Branch Update - QPSA

Dear NAPSA members, I hope you've all had a chance to rest and recharge after the whirlwind that was the 2025 Brisbane NAPSA Congress!

In mid-January, QPSA had the honour of hosting the 2025 NAPSA Congress in our home city of Brisbane. This year, our Organising Committee welcomed over 250 pharmacy students from across Australia and New Zealand, and it was an unforgettable experience to connect with so many passionate students.

As the hosting branch and the branch with the largest delegation (there were 46 of us!), we were thrilled not only to share our beautiful city with everyone but also to be a part of such an enriching week of education, fun, and networking.

The week began with a lively Welcome Night at the gorgeous Soko Rooftop on Sunday, where we gathered to kick off the event with great food, drinks, and an amazing atmosphere. It was the perfect start to what would be a week full of excitement and camaraderie.

On Monday, we welcomed our delegation to the heart of the University of Queensland's main campus for a packed schedule full of education and workshops. By night, we put down our pens and paper to enjoy the signature Congress Pub Crawl. The Congress delegation travelled between venues in Fortitude Valley allowing our QPSA delegates a chance to meet new friends and show them around some of Brisbane's best nightlife venues.

Entering day two of education and workshops, our team of 46 continued to explore the expanding scope of practice ranging from sexual health to medicinal cannabis. Tuesday's social event, the iconic Battle Night did not disappoint either. As winners of the 2024 NAPSA Congress Battle Night, our 46 delegates gathered with high spirits and competitiveness with an aim to protect our title. Unfortunately, we resigned our title, but we passed it on to none other than our neighbouring branch, QUTSPA. Yay to the Brisbane branches!

Wednesday provided a much-needed free day, allowing QPSA delegates an opportunity to show their new friends around Brisbane. Whether it was visiting the beautiful South Bank, relaxing at one of the many local cafés or even a day trip to the Gold Coast, our team was well equipped to be tour guides!

Thursday saw us back in action with more learning sessions. One of the highlights was undoubtedly the prescribing session featuring an otoscope by LiveLife Pharmacy. Thursday night saw all our delegates split into two groups, either attending the Alumni Night or a trivia night. Alumni Night provided our delegates with the chance to connect with pharmacy alumni, gain insights from their experiences, and build connections that will last far beyond the Congress. QPSA delegates in attendance also had the pleasure of meeting some of our beloved university tutors. For those looking for something more light-hearted, a trivia night provided plenty of fun and friendly competition.

The final day, Friday, was the grand finale. The day events featured the annual NAPSA Wildcard Pharmacy Student of the Year (PSOTY) competition and the anticipated tradeshow. Our delegates thoroughly enjoyed the tradeshow, being able to chat and connect with industry professionals. As the hosting branch, our students also had the pleasure of catching up with familiar faces such as our very own UQ lecturers and tutors!

And the Gala Ball... a breathtaking yet bittersweet event, closing the wonderful week of Congress. Our delegates gathered for one final time to celebrate the new experiences and connections that week blessed us with. Alongside our new friends, we danced and laughed the night away with whispers of promises to meet again in 2026 for the Sydney Congress.

As the 2025 host branch, QPSA is not only proud to showcase Brisbane to our fellow students, but we are also privileged to meet so many inspiring individuals from all over Australia and New Zealand. It was a fantastic week of learning, networking, and creating memories that will stay with us for years to come.

Thank you to our Congress Chair Benjamin Huang and his Organising Committee for planning such a wonderful event on behalf of QPSA. We would also love to thank everyone who made this event such a success. We can't wait to see you all in 2026 for Sydney NAPSA Congress!

Warm regards, Nhi Pham QPSA President



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AdPha at NAPSA Congress: Empowering Future Pharmacists

What an incredible time we had at NAPSA's annual congress! It was amazing to see so much enthusiasm around advanced pharmacy practice in Australian hospitals, with students eager to explore new career pathways.

Kicking off the discussions, Georgia Clark (ANZCAP-Res.), from AdPha's Qld Branch, shared her journey through the Resident and Registrar Training Programs, offering insights into how structured learning can fast-track professional growth.

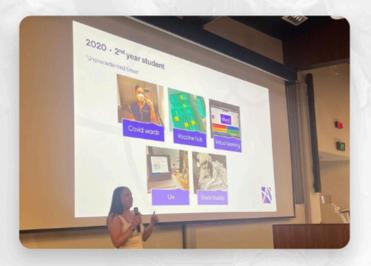
Joanne Wickens (ANZCAP-Res.) brought another exciting perspective—her experience as Co-Editor of the Australian Pharmacy Students' Journal (APSJ) and her attendance at Medicines Management, Australia's largest scientific pharmacy conference held each November. She highlighted how getting involved in research and academic publishing early can set students apart in the competitive world of pharmacy.

We also heard from some of AdPha's expert pharmacists:

- Julia Hruz FANZCAP (Edu.) shared top tips on landing your first hospital job.
- Erica Marsom ANZCAP-Reg. (Edu.) revealed how ANZCAP and a well-built professional portfolio can supercharge your career.
- Paul Firman FANZCAP (Generalist) inspired students to stay curious and take advantage of opportunities with AdPha as your professional partner along the way.

It was a fantastic few days connecting with future pharmacy leaders, and we can't wait to see what you all achieve!









Digital health in pharmacy - what are your obligations?



Digital health tools and resources continue to evolve. Advancements in technology have led to significant improvement in patient care and efficiency. Students and interns should be mindful of their obligations when using such tools and resources.

Considerations before use:

- Training complete training before utilising any unfamiliar digital health program. This may be formal or informal, theoretical or practical.
- Authority authority may be legislative, or policy-based for your practice setting. There may also be access restrictions in place which limit users to components of a platform or allow access only under certain circumstances.
- Privacy consider whether it is appropriate to access or provide the intended information. Consent from the patient may be required.
- Accuracy information uploaded onto a digital health platform may be used to inform healthcare decisions by other practitioners. It is essential that records are accurate and the correct patient file is selected.

Common examples:

My Health Record (MHR)

MHR is an online summary of an individual's health information. It allows doctors, hospitals and certain other healthcare providers, including pharmacists, involved in the individual's care to view their health information.

MHR <u>training</u> should be completed prior to first use.

Access to a patient's MHR leaves a digital footprint that identifies the user, which records were accessed and when. Pharmacy staff who are not registered with Ahpra, e.g. students, should only access a patient's MHR if authorised by the pharmacy organisation's security and access policy.

Real Time Prescription Monitoring (RTPM)

The RTPM is designed to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of controlled medicines with the aim of reducing their misuse in Australia. It arms prescribers and pharmacists with information regarding a patient's history and use of controlled medicines.

Interns are encouraged and, in some jurisdictions, required to register with their local RTPM. Students involved in the dispensing process may be familiar with RTPM pop-ups in their dispense software and should be mindful that the dispense record for monitored medicines will upload to the patient's Safescript record automatically.

Further information and training are available through your state/territory RTPM:

- Victoria SafeScript
- Queensland QScript
- New South Wales SafeScript NSW
- Australian Capital Territory <u>Canberra</u> Script

- South Australia Script Check SA
- Northern Territory NTScript
- Tasmania TasScript
- Western Australia ScriptCheckWA

Australian Immunisation Record (AIR)

The AIR is a national register that records vaccines given to all people in Australia. Immunisers must ensure a patient's AIR is checked **before** an immunisation is administered and the record of immunisation must be uploaded to the AIR **after** an immunisation is administered.

<u>Learning modules</u> are available to assist with accessing and submitting information to the AIR.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Al is rapidly becoming part of everyday life for patients and practitioners. Regardless of what technology is utilised, the pharmacist remains responsible for delivering safe and quality care and for ensuring their own practice meets the professional obligations set out in the Ahpra Shared Code of Conduct.

As new digital health tools emerge, so do the unique practical and ethical issues associated with its use in a healthcare setting. Ahpra and the National Boards have developed <u>principles</u> for practitioners to consider when using or looking to integrate Al into their practice.

Case study

You are a student working in a community pharmacy. You dispense a prescription for medicinal cannabis under the wrong patient file with the same name but different address.

Some time later, a patient complains to the pharmacy that an incorrect record has been uploaded to Safescript and their prescriber is now refusing to prescribe pain relief for them.

Outcome

The pharmacist apologises to the patient. Upon investigation they identify the dispense error. The record is corrected and the prescriber is notified of the incident.

You review your dispensing process to ensure accuracy of all records. You reflect on the impact that errors can have on patient care, particularly when uploaded to a digital health platform.

How PDL can help you

- Scope of Practice Checklist if you're unsure about whether you should be conducting a service or performing a duty in the pharmacy, the PDL Scope of Practice Checklist can provide you with a step-by-step guide.
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Why Understanding Roles and Expectations Matters

Pharmacy professionals today have a wide range of opportunities across different settings and scopes of practice. Locum roles can provide exposure to various pharmacy environments, helping you build experience and adaptability. Permanent positions, on the other hand, offer stability and long-term career development. Knowing what each role entails helps you tailor your applications and interview responses to what employers are seeking. For example, locum pharmacists need to demonstrate adaptability and quick learning, while permanent pharmacists might focus more on patient care continuity and team collaboration.

Staying Informed About Wage Trends

Wages in pharmacy are influenced by factors like location, demand, and shift type. Remote or after-hours locum shifts often offer higher pay, while permanent roles might come with training programs, bonuses, and structured career progression. Understanding wage trends early gives you the confidence to negotiate fair compensation. If you know the market rate for a particular role, you can advocate for your worth.



How This Knowledge Helps You Land Your First Job

Employers are impressed by candidates who demonstrate industry knowledge and preparedness. By staying informed, you can:

- Tailor your resume to highlight the skills employers are seeking based on role type.
- Speak knowledgeably about industry trends during interviews
- Present yourself as a proactive and informed candidate

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- Felicity Radcliff, NAPSA Publications Chair



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Navigating this challenging journey requires a strong foundation in medicines information, clinical decision-making and patient safety. Having reliable resources and tools to guide you through it is key.

The Australian Medicines
Handbook (AMH) supports you
throughout this process, helping
to build confidence in medicines
knowledge and delivery of
patient care.

Understanding medicines information efficiently

AMH presents key information about medicines in a structured format, covering essential aspects such as indications, dosing, contraindications, precautions, adverse effects, interactions, and patient counselling points. It is designed to be practical and user-friendly, helping you to quickly find and interpret relevant information. By regularly consulting AMH during coursework, clinical placements, and dispensing activities, users develop familiarity with its layout and learn to retrieve critical drug and therapeutics information efficiently.

Enhancing decision-making skills

A key component of pharmacy practice is assessing the suitability of medicines for individual patients. Using AMH helps you develop the clinical decision-making skills necessary for pharmacy practice. It presents medicines information in a manner that encourages you to consider the various factors that affect the use of a medicine, such as dosage, administration routes, and special populations like children or people with renal impairment. The AMH also supports you to evaluate therapeutic options when you consult the summarised, evidence-based treatment guidance included for many common conditions. For example, when considering an antihypertensive agent, AMH describes first-line options and factors influencing drug selection, such as comorbidities, and contraindications. Using AMH in case-based learning or patient scenarios can help you gain confidence in making sound clinical decisions.

Developing safe and effective practice

Ensuring patient safety is central to pharmacy practice, and AMH helps you develop a safety-first mindset. By regularly referring to AMH for dosing guidelines, adverse effect profiles, and interaction checks, students become more alert to identifying medication risks. This habit can reduce the likelihood of

medication errors and reinforces the importance of accuracy in dispensing and counselling.

Supporting patient counselling and communication

Effective patient communication is a vital skill for pharmacists. AMH provides practical advice to support you in counselling people about their medications, including key points on administration, monitoring, and adverse effects. Using AMH as a reference can help you deliver patient-centred advice to individuals, fostering better adherence and patient outcomes.

Building lifelong learning habits

Confidence in medicines knowledge requires commitment to ongoing learning. Regularly updated, AMH helps you to stay current with changes in pharmacotherapy. Developing the habit of consulting reliable, independent references like AMH ensures that pharmacists continue to provide high-quality, evidence-based care throughout their careers. Incorporating AMH into daily study and practice will enhance your confidence, decisionmaking, and patient interactions, preparing you for safe and effective pharmacy practice.





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PSA Upcoming Events

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March 2025

19th of March - Online Workshop: Are Your Sleeping Pills Still Working for You? - Online

25th of March - Member briefing - MMR RPL - Online

April 2025

9th of April - Live Webinar: How much do we actually know about melatonin and sleep? - Online

30th of April - Mental Health First Aid - PSA office, SA

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