

IMPROVED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

The Australian Pharmacy Liaison Forum (APLF) has been set up as an independent coalition of representatives from pharmacy organisations to work together on issues of national importance to the pharmacy profession and the public.

The members of the APLF are:

1. Australian Association of Consultant Pharmacy
2. Australian College of Pharmacy Practice and Management
3. Australian Pharmacy Council
4. Pharmaceutical Defence Limited
5. Pharmaceutical Society of Australia
6. Pharmacy Guild of Australia
7. Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia
8. Committee of the Heads of Pharmacy Schools in Australia and New Zealand

It is the intention of the APLF to advise the pharmacy community on agreed decisions, recommendations and positions following its biannual meetings. A fixed number of issues will be debated at these meetings and if necessary teleconferences will be arranged out of session. On occasions special guests will be invited to make presentations to the group.

One issue discussed at the inaugural meeting in May 2008 was the increased role of pharmacists in the area of mental health. A working Group has been established to discuss this issue.

Another item discussed involved non-practising pharmacy owners. The APLF would like to remind non-practising pharmacy owners of their responsibility to the community to ensure high professional standards and practices within their pharmacy. This necessitates a commitment to continuing education around changes to legislation and pharmacy practice.

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