



<b>Project Title: Pharmacists' attitudes of an expanded de-prescribing role in collaboration with medical practitioners</b>		<b>Code: SPS3</b>
<b>Host School / Institute:</b> <a href="#">Sydney Pharmacy School</a>	<b>Address:</b> School of Pharmacy, Camperdown Campus	
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<b>Project Type:</b> Survey; Data Analysis		
<b>Project Category:</b> Pharmacy; Ageing		
<b>Skills / Attributes of a successful student:</b> This project would suit a student who has a keen interest in pharmacy research, excellent verbal and written communication skills, and ability to work both independently and as part of a team.		
<b>Project Keywords:</b> Deprescribing; pharmacy prescribing; Pharmacist' attitudes; medication optimisation; older adults		
<p><b>Project Description:</b> People are living longer with multi-morbidity which promotes the high use of medicines in older adults. Inappropriate polypharmacy is associated with significant harm amongst older patients and deprescribing is the process of managing this complex clinical problem. Pharmacists have expertise in medicines and extending their role to include deprescribing safely in collaboration with medical practitioners has the potential to provide patient benefit. Current evidence surrounding the expanded role of pharmacists prescribing focused on pharmacists' attitudes towards initiation of medicines and little is known about their views on deprescribing in collaboration with medical practitioners.</p> <p>To address this gap, the aim of the project is to describe what factors pharmacists believe influence pharmacist adoption of an expanded de-prescribing role. Such a role could include the decision on whether to deprescribe a medicine, development of a plan to deprescribe a medicine, or implementation of the plan.</p> <p>The project will involve disseminating a survey to registered pharmacists to identify the perceived need, adopted characteristics that influence adoption, and communication activities surrounding expanded de-prescribing role for pharmacists. The potential significance of this project includes obtaining information about pharmacists' future uptake of de-prescribing, which may help identify how to upskill pharmacists for expanded de-prescribing pharmacist role and inform the development of further studies.</p> <p>This project would suit a student who has a keen interest in pharmacy research, excellent verbal and written communication skills, and ability to work both independently and as part of a team.</p> <p>The student will work at the School of Pharmacy and have the opportunity to collaborate with leading researchers to improve medication management in people with dementia. The student will also have an opportunity to co-author on papers.</p>		