



Project Title: Review of National Responsible Use of Medicines Policies: a focus on the roles and potential roles of pharmacists		Code: SPS4
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Project Type: Survey; Data Analysis		
Project Category: Pharmacy; Ageing		
Skills / Attributes of a successful student: This project would suit a student who is highly organised, has an international outlook, and possess excellent communication skills. The ability to work both independently and as part of a team is essential.		
Project Keywords: quality use of medicines; policy; pharmacy; responsible use of medicines		
<p>Project Description: The global population is ageing and this is associated with an increased prevalence of chronic diseases and multi-morbidity which often leads to increased use of medicines, especially in high income countries such as Australia. At a national level, Australia is well known for it's National Medicines Policy which includes the quality use of medicines (responsible use of medicines). Less is known about the similarities or difference with other national medicine policies. A published comparison of national medicine policies from different countries has not previously been undertaken.</p> <p>Therefore, the specific objectives of this project are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and collate data on national responsible use of medicine policies 2. Compare and contrast national responsible use of medicine policies with respect to their currency, authorship, content, implementation and evaluation 3. Compare and contrast the roles and potential roles of pharmacists in achieving the responsible use of medicines, as documented in national responsible use of medicine policies <p>This project will involve close collaboration with the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) whose financial support under a Board of Pharmaceutical Practice Special Project is greatly acknowledged. A small international advisory group will be formed. An online survey and database (e.g. RedCap) will be constructed to meet the study objectives. The survey will be pilot tested for face and content validity, and then revised and updated accordingly. Potential participants will be FIP/SAPS members (with requisite language skills), from different countries and continents. It is expected that policy documents from 10 to 20 different countries will be identified by participants and then collated and compared, using document analysis.</p> <p>This project would suit a student who is highly organised, has an international outlook, and possess excellent communication skills. The ability to work both independently and as part of a team is essential.</p> <p>The student will work at the Sydney Pharmacy School and have the opportunity to collaborate with participants from around the globe. The student will have an opportunity to assist with report writing. The student may have an opportunity to co-author peer-reviewed manuscripts.</p>		