



Submission to the Society of Hospital Pharmacists Australia: March 2019

STANDARD OF PRACTICE IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE FOR PHARMACY SERVICES

The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Society of Hospital Pharmacists Australia (SHPA) on the draft Standard of Practice in Emergency Medicine for Pharmacy Services (the Standard).

ACEM is the peak body for emergency medicine in Australia and New Zealand, with responsibility for training and educating emergency physicians and advancing professional standards in emergency medicine. As the peak professional organisation for emergency medicine, ACEM has a vital interest in ensuring the highest standards of emergency medical care are maintained for all patients.

In general, ACEM is supportive of the Standard. However there are some minor items which we wish to raise with SHPA. These items are listed below in order of the numbered rows within the Standard.

- The sentence at row 53 should be amended to read *“they are seen according to the urgency of need”*.
- The sentence at rows 56 and 57 imply that short stay units (SSUs) are the same as medical admission planning units (MAPUs). These two units serve different functions. The reference to MAPUs should be removed to avoid confusion.
- The sentence at row 96 should have the dash between “a” and “common” removed.
- The table at row 271 has inconsistent font shading, which is challenging to read.
- The table at row 312 is not clear in its content, and should be reworded for clarity.

Thank you for contacting ACEM to invite us provide feedback on the Standard. We appreciate the opportunity to work with SHPA on matters that impact the provision of quality and timely care to patients. We also invite the SHPA to contact us again to contribute to any further work by SHPA related to emergency departments.

Should you require clarification or further information on this submission, please do not hesitate to contact Ryan Angus (ACEM Policy Officer) on (+61) 03 9320 0452 or via email at ryan.angus@acem.org.au.

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