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Pharmaceutical Society of Australia wins international award for practice improvement program

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WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) congratulates the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) on its award presented by the International Pharmaceutical Federation for its Health Destination program.

The PSA's work to develop the concept of pharmacies as health destinations in the community and of pharmacists as providers of total health solutions resulted in the organisation taking home the 2016 Pharmacy Practice Improvement Program Award at the 76th World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

WAPHA chief executive officer Learne Durrington said the award recognised the work being done by PSA to promote pharmacy as a health destination for consumers and connect allied health with other health professionals.

"This award highlights the important role of community pharmacy in primary care," Ms Durrington said.

"We recognise the role that pharmacy plays in enhancing support for patients with complex, chronic and co-occurring conditions and have an important role in helping manage a person's care."

Ms Durrington said the PSA's Health Destination program aligned with WAPHA's Comprehensive Primary Care model, based on the Patient Centered Medical Home principles, which advocates for enhanced patient access to comprehensive and coordinated care.

"WAPHA is currently launching the first stage in its Comprehensive Primary Care journey, partnering with selected local general practices, to see PCMH principles applied within the Australian context," she said.

Ms Durrington said the PSA initiative facilitates a continuity of care for patients and enables right care, in the right place and at the right time.

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- WAPHA is the organisation that oversees the strategic commissioning functions of the three Western Australian Primary Health Networks: Perth North, Perth South and Country WA.
- WAPHA's primary objective is to improve health outcomes and patient experiences through the commissioning of appropriate services where they are most needed.

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