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## Media release

### HISTORIC MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners have entered into a historic Memorandum of Understanding to work collaboratively and cooperatively for the benefits of health consumers in Australia.

The MoU was signed in Sydney today by the President of the PSA, Warwick Plunkett, and the President of the RACGP, Dr Chris Mitchell, at a ceremony during the Pharmacy Australia Congress.

Mr Plunkett said the PSA and RACGP have a shared commitment to delivering the highest standards of care and improved health outcomes to the community and both organisations have a focus on training and continuing professional education.

“There are enormous benefits in the two organisations working together collaboratively and cooperatively,” he said.

“This historic MOU has established a framework for commitment and cooperation between the two organisations to help unite our professions in the context of primary health-care teams and the delivery of improved health outcomes.

“It also strengthens the two professions’ advocacy position when seeking mutually agreed objectives to enhance health-care outcomes.”

Dr Chris Mitchell, RACGP President, said: “As GPs we build trust by offering whole person, continuing, comprehensive and coordinated care. The skills of pharmacists are vitally needed to support the delivery of the basket of services our patients need and to help address the currently unmet health needs as we move from a hospital based to a community based system.

“The PSA represents some 80 per cent of pharmacists across Australia and this agreement is a clear indication that the RACGP wants a constructive relationship with pharmacy.

“This agreement will strengthen the important relationships between GPs and pharmacists, it will provide us with a great opportunity to jointly work on research and education projects and will help to deliver better health outcomes for our patients.”

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