

Pharmacist prescribing

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Outline

- ▶ NPS
 - our focus
 - how we work
- ▶ NPS perspective on pharmacist prescribing
- ▶ National Prescribing Curriculum

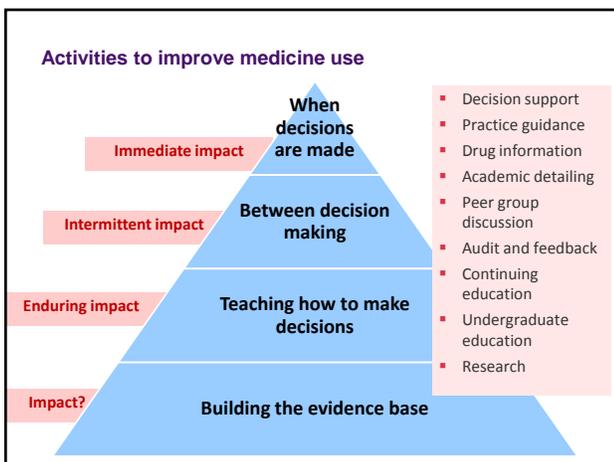
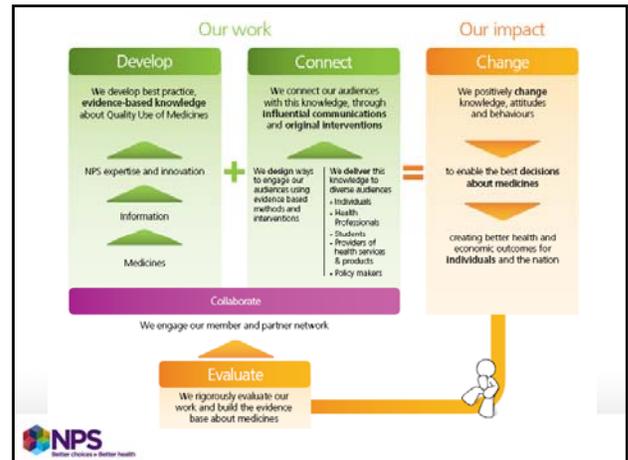


NPS (National Prescribing Service)



Dr Lynn Weekes
CEO, NPS since 1998

- ▶ Established in 1998
- ▶ Funded by the Australian Government
- ▶ Independent, not-for-profit organisation
- ▶ Membership based
- ▶ Work in partnership
 - consumers
 - health professionals
 - government
 - industry

Pharmacist prescribing: NPS perspective

NPS has an independent perspective:

- ▶ support all prescribers
- ▶ collaborative approach
 - how does it help consumers?
 - how does it support health care team and health system?
- ▶ competencies
 - quality and safety of prescribing
- ▶ need to differentiate prescriber and dispenser roles
 - prescribing is not at expense of quality of dispensing practice
 - prescribing not driven by perverse financial incentives



Pharmacist prescribing: NPS perspective

- ▶ Pharmacist prescribing for OTCs and complementary medicines
 - evidence of how well pharmacists would undertake further prescribing responsibilities?
- ▶ Specialised prescribing areas
 - evidence that is effective, eg anticoagulation
- ▶ Prescribing should not be viewed as an isolated activity
 - eg repeat prescribing is often used as an opportunity to follow-up other issues and activities
- ▶ Should not add to fragmentation of healthcare
 - how easy for consumers to navigate?



National Medicines Policy



Quality use of medicines

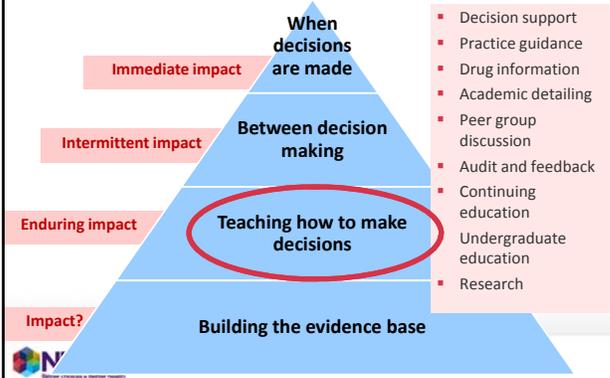
- ▶ selecting management options wisely
- ▶ choosing the most suitable medicines if medicines are needed
- ▶ using medicines safely and effectively

*QUM depends on committed **teamwork** between all members of the partnership on behalf of the Australian community.*

*It follows that all members must be committed to ensuring **exchange of relevant information** between involved groups and members of the community to ensure they are able to make **informed decisions**.*



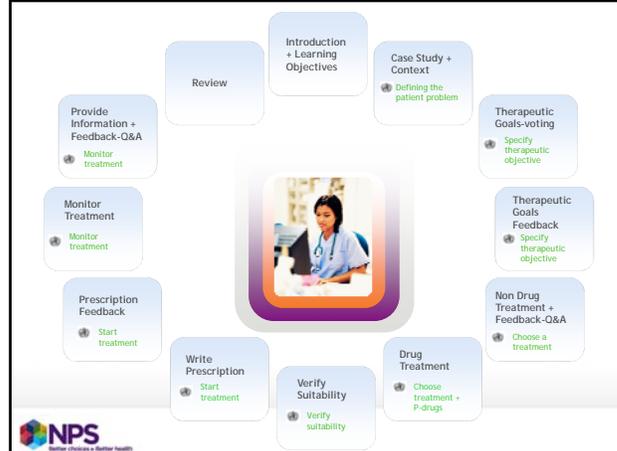
Activities to improve medicine use



National Prescribing Curriculum



- ▶ Web-based interactive modules
- ▶ WHO Guide to Good Prescribing
- ▶ Case-based topics
- ▶ Diagnosis provided – focus on prescribing
- ▶ Medical, pharmacy, nurse practitioner and dentistry students



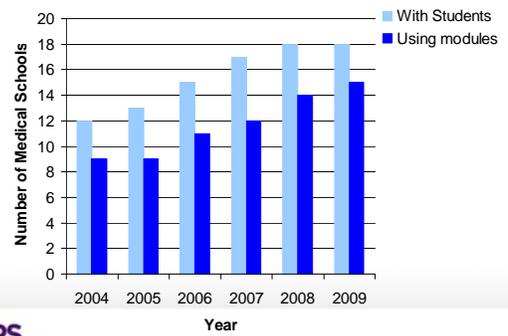
Examples of National Prescribing Curriculum topics

- ▶ Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- ▶ Peptic ulcer disease
- ▶ Hypertension
- ▶ The confused patient
- ▶ Seizures
- ▶ Acute chest pain
- ▶ Acute otitis media (child)
- ▶ Heart failure
- ▶ Anticoagulation
- ▶ Postoperative pain and vomiting
- ▶ Polypharmacy

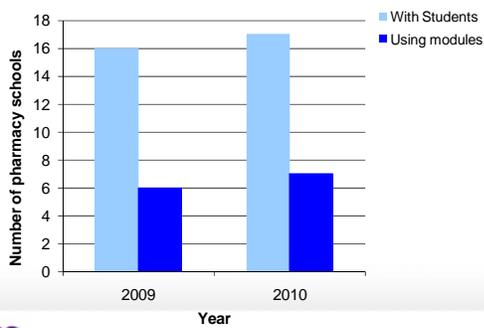
Topics for pharmacist prescribers?



Uptake: medical schools



Uptake: pharmacy schools



Conclusion

NPS has an independent perspective

- ▶ benefits for consumers
- ▶ good and safe practice

NPS will support pharmacist prescribers

- ▶ provision of online learning modules
 - National Prescribing Curriculum
 - supports a number of prescribing competencies
- ▶ as an audience for our therapeutic programs
 - to improve medicines use and patient outcomes

