

CPD THAT'S RELEVANT TO YOUR PRACTICE



Still need to complete this year's CPD?

As the end of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) year fast approaches, NPS MedicineWise is reminding pharmacists that we have many [free CPD activities](#) related to your practice. Participating in our evidence-based activities helps pharmacists and pharmacy interns provide quality patient care and promote quality use of medicines in the community.

If you need to earn more CPD credits in the next few weeks, NPS MedicineWise offers a range of free online activities that provide convenient, high quality, relevant and contemporary professional development to support pharmacy practice in Australia.

If you haven't yet earned the 40 credits required to renew your registration before 30 September 2017, you can complete them by undertaking these NPS MedicineWise online learning opportunities, which are accredited as Group 2 or Group 3 activities.

Our Pharmacy Practice Reviews are unique quality improvement activities that enable pharmacists to earn up to 24 Group 3 credits by evaluating medication management for patients with certain conditions, and comparing it with best practice standards and guidelines.

The latest Pharmacy Practice Review, [Statin: promoting adherence, addressing intolerance](#), focuses on the important role pharmacists play in supporting adherence to statin treatment and also helps you to identify true statin-associated muscle symptoms (SAMS).

Did you know, that after 12 months up to 67% of patients are not adhering to their statin as prescribed? A leading cause of this poor adherence and discontinuation of statin therapy is experiencing, or concern about experiencing, SAMS.

This new Pharmacy Practice Review will help you address adherence-related issues and use a systematic approach to assess the likelihood of SAMS in patients presenting with muscle symptoms. It discusses when it is appropriate for you to refer a patient to their GP and how to underline the importance of them continuing to take statins as prescribed.

Other NPS MedicineWise Pharmacy Practice Reviews cover a wide range of topics.

You can also earn Group 2 CPD credits by participating in other activities such as interactive case studies and online learning courses, including modules on management of infections, medication safety training and adverse event reporting.