

## **'Medicinal Cannabis 2021' Education Session**

### **Sponsored by General Practice North**

General Practice North is pleased to announce that we have secured the services of Miss Danielle Truscott (consultant pharmacist) to visit interested general practices in northern Tasmania for **small group learning CPD sessions**. Her first education session is entitled 'Medicinal Cannabis 2021' and will assist GPs with understanding the implications of the State Government change which was introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 authorising all Tasmanian doctors to prescribe unregistered medicinal cannabis products, and allowing pharmacies across the state to be able to dispense these products.

Danielle is an experienced therapeutics educator. Danielle has worked since 1993 in a range of settings. This has included community pharmacy, public and private hospital and aged care. Danielle became well known, respected and trusted by GPs over a 14-year period as she provided educational visits to almost all GPs in the GP North area via NPS MedicineWise. Amongst many achievements Danielle was also instrumental in developing and implementing a unique pharmacotherapeutics teaching program for senior medical students at the Launceston Clinical School. Danielle made a choice to step back from such responsibility over recent years. Currently she has chosen to be a practising Accredited Consultant Pharmacist for two medical practices and do associate academic activities. Danielle is vigilant in maintaining and expanding her competency to select management options wisely, choose suitable medicines if a medicine is considered necessary and to use medicines safely and effectively.

The **'Medicinal Cannabis 2021'** session will allow attendees to

- Gain more knowledge to be able to make informed decisions to prescribe or not prescribe medicinal cannabis to their patients
- Be able to answer patient requests for medicinal cannabis in an informed way
- Begin to be prepared to prescribe medicinal cannabis in the future if and when considered appropriate to do so
- Save time in navigating the information emerging on this therapeutics debate

Each education session will take one hour. Due to limited availability, a group of at least 3 GPs attending each session would be the most efficient way to run these sessions. Danielle is flexible regarding the choice of the time of day and the day of the week on which to hold the session at each practice. GP North will organise CPD points with the RACGP and ACRRM.

Danielle has already presented this topic to a small GP group and attendees found the education session invaluable and resulted in them feeling much more confident in handling patient enquiries regarding medicinal cannabis.

**If practices are interested please contact GP North by email [officeGPNorth@gmail.com](mailto:officeGPNorth@gmail.com).**

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