

## Pharmacy News

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- Medicines
- Family Planning
- First Aid & Health Care
- Hygiene
- Sports Braces & Rubs

### Our services include:

- Pharmacist Consultations
  - Medication Counselling
  - MedsCheck
  - Diabetes MedsCheck
  - Medication Profiling
  - MedsIndex
  - Medical Certificates
  - Home Medicines Review
- Blood Pressure Monitoring
- Medication Packing
- Delivery
- Script Minder
- Return of Unwanted Medicines
- Diabetes Management
- Smoking Cessation

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- Enhanced service delivery to medical centres;
- Contracted pharmacist services;
- Project managing the implementation, and managing a new pharmacy;
- Project managing the implementation, and managing other new health services (such as pathology); and
- Design, technical and works support for projects;
- Management, management consulting, coaching and business services support to residential care, medical centres and other health businesses.

For more information on our supplies and services call in store or visit <http://www.cateschemist.com.au/products-amp-services>.

### Medicine News:

Doxycycline capsules now have surcharge of 95 cents for a bottle of 7 capsules. To avoid any surcharge, where suitable, we recommend prescribing doxycycline tablets.

Chlorsig eye drops are expected to be back in stock in approximately one week (22 Oct 14), however the eye ointment is expected to remain unavailable until mid-December. Due to being a supply issue with the active ingredient there are no alternative brands.

Airomir inhalers have been removed from the PBS however the auto-haler is still listed. All other brands of standard salbutamol inhalers are unaffected.

### Current Affairs

The 6<sup>th</sup> Community Pharmacy Agreement (6CPA) is being negotiated in late 2014 and early 2015. This has broad implications across health including location rules, funding for programs (such as QUMAX), and funding for services such as MedsChecks and Diabetes MedsChecks. Submissions for consideration can be made to Cate's Chemist, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, or the Government.

Location rules are a contentious topic again, in the lead up to negotiation for the 6CPA. A specific area of concern is the consequences for when a medical centre initially meets the minimum trading hour and doctor head count, but then falls below it. This increases business risk for the pharmacy and the medical centre, but can be mitigated by phased planning and a clear aim.

Funding caps for MedsChecks and Diabetes MedsChecks have received widespread criticism, but are not limiting services locally. Funding for services like these features heavily in the 6CPA negotiation agenda.

### Opening hours:

Monday to Fri: 8.30am to 6pm

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