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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**Community pharmacy trial grants now open**

The Minister for Health, Sussan Ley, has today announced the Tranche 2 grants round of the Pharmacy Trial Program.

Under the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement, \$50 million was allocated for new and innovative community pharmacy trials to improve clinical outcomes for consumers by extending the role of pharmacists in the delivery of primary healthcare services.

Ms Ley said the new grants provide another avenue for patients to monitor and keep on top of their own health.

“I’m looking forward to seeing ideas for innovative trials in community pharmacies that have the consumer at the centre, and deliver better clinical outcomes for those in the community,” Minister Ley said.

Proposals are being sought for trials under the following four priorities:

- Disease management of appropriate conditions – pharmacy models of shared collaborative primary health care. These trials could focus on conditions for which there is an opportunity to enhance consumer care;
- Medicines management and reconciliation services for consumers at the point of transition between care sectors to reduce the potential for medicines misadventure;
- New and innovative community pharmacist outreach services to residential aged care facilities; and
- Screening and referral by pharmacists for cardiovascular risk.

“I encourage the sector to think about potential partners and collaborations as part of this program with an emphasis on high quality, evidence-based ideas that can be integrated with the broader health care system.”

Trials will be assessed for their clinical and cost-effectiveness at the end of the program, which will inform any broader rollout of these services.

Today’s announcement follows invitations that were sent out last week to community pharmacies around Australia to take part in the in-pharmacy Pharmacy Diabetes Screening Trial to promote early identification and management of diabetes in Australia.

More information about the Pharmacy Trial Program Tranche 2 – including the grant program guidelines, application forms and frequently asked questions – can be downloaded from the Department of Health website at [www.health.gov.au/tenders](http://www.health.gov.au/tenders). Applications close at 2pm AEST Thursday, 15 December 2016.

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