

THE ROLE OF THE FUTURE PHARMACIST IN ADVANCED PRACTICE

Dr Fei Sim PSA National President



Dr Fei Sim is the National President and Chair of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) Board, the first female, and the first from a diverse cultural background to be elected to this position since its Federation in 1977. Fei served as the WA State President of the PSA between 2017-2021. before she was elected to serve on the national Board. She is the Chair of the inaugural PSA Contemporary Community Pharmacy Practice (CCPP) Communities of Specialty Interest, which is a forum to support collaboration, innovation and strategic progression of various practice areas in pharmacy. Fei is a Senior Lecturer and the Coordinator of International Engagement in the Curtin Medical School at Curtin University, Western Australia. Fei holds a Doctoral degree in Pharmacy, is a practising pharmacist, a community pharmacy owner, a pharmacist immuniser and an Accredited Mental Health First Aid Instructor. She is a Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy and a Fellow of the PSA, and a Graduate Member of the

Australian Institute of Company Directors. Fei serves on a number of profession and academic-related committees, and is fully committed to the pharmacy profession and is passionate about the future of the profession through growth of professional services to attain the highest level of contemporary pharmacist practice. Through her teaching and research activities as an academic, Fei is committed to motivating and inspiring students to become excellent and competent future pharmacists, and encouraging them to have the courage and aspiration to be future leaders in the primary healthcare team.

Fei has led and is involved in a number of research projects and trials aiming to provide evidence to support the great contribution of pharmacists, including in the area of pharmacist-led immunisation, mental health, primary care and minor ailments management and diabetes. Her teaching awards, the 2018 PSA WA Early Career Pharmacist Award and the 2019 PSA National Early Career Pharmacist of the Year Award are testimony to her commitment to patient care, learning and teaching, leadership in pharmacy, innovation and initiative in pharmacy service delivery, as well as peer and professional engagement.