



The Pharmacy
Guild of Australia



Chronic Pain MedsCheck Trial

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register my interest in the trial?

If your pharmacy meets the trial eligibility criteria listed in the **Pharmacy/Pharmacist Information Statement**, please follow the steps in the email your pharmacy received requesting a registration of your expression of interest to participate in the trial.

The two consent forms: one is for the pharmacy owner and the other is for the pharmacists who will be participating in the trial. The consent forms must be completed, signed and emailed or faxed through, and the online registration form needs to be completed.

If you did not receive an email requesting your expression of interest, please contact us at chronicpain.ptp@6cpa.com.au

What's involved in the trial?

The Chronic Pain MedsCheck Trial involves pharmacies conducting an intervention for patients with chronic pain, reviewing their medication and developing an action plan.

Community pharmacists will be required to use the trial software to conduct a pain assessment and collect trial data, and then educate patients on self-management techniques and provide resources to assist them.

Pharmacies will be randomised to a "main trial" group (either Group A or Group B). Then within each Group 50 pharmacies will be randomly selected to be "evaluation trial sites" (so there will be 50 Group A and 50 Group B evaluation trial sites). The differences between the "main trial sites" and "evaluation trial sites" are included in the **Pharmacy/Pharmacist Information Statement**.

Pharmacists must also complete the free CPD accredited online training modules before starting services.

Is it a program?

This is part of the Pharmacy Trial Programs under the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement and is a randomised control trial conducted in community pharmacies. It is not a 6CPA Program.

How do I claim for services?

The trial has a passive claiming system, so no submission of claims is required by the pharmacy. As long as all required information for the trial intervention has been completed in the trial software, the pharmacies will receive payments. More information regarding the provision of payments will be provided once the expression of interest process has been finalised.

Are my MedsChecks caps affected?

As this is a Pharmacy Trial Program and not one of the 6CPA Programs, your pharmacy's MedsChecks caps will not be affected.

Do I need GuildCare software?

No. The trial software is provided as complimentary for the duration of the trial.

How much training is involved?

Depending on your pharmacy allocation, there are three to four compulsory online training modules that will take three to four hours in total. These modules are available free online and are CPD accredited. More information will be provided once the offers have been provided.

Can intern pharmacists perform this service?

Intern pharmacists are not considered eligible to perform services as per the trial eligibility criteria: "Ensure that services are delivered by a Registered Pharmacist face-to-face or over the telephone (midpoint consultation only for Group B) with the patient in the community pharmacy."

What happens after the EOI closes?

Once all of the pharmacies have registered their interest in the trial by Monday 17 September, pharmacies will then be randomised into groups and be made offers over the following weeks. These offers will provide instructions for next steps regarding the completion of the free online training modules and then access to the trial software before starting services.

Who do I contact for more information about the EOI?

Please read through the **Pharmacy/Pharmacist Information Statement**, and if you have any questions you may call the 6CPA Helpline or email the Guild at chronicpain.ptp@6cpa.com.au.