

Electronic Medication Management in Aged Care

ACSA and ACAA through the Aged Care Industry IT Council are working on a project to implement Electronic Medication Management (EMM) in the aged care sector.

What is the project?

The proposed EMM system will enable the electronic transfer of medication and clinical care information between GPs, pharmacists, Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACF) and hospitals as well as providing access to a common electronic medication record. This will improve the quality of care provided and reduce the risk of adverse events caused by poor communication and errors in transcription and interpretation of medication information. It will work with and complement the clinical systems already in use in RACF, GPs, pharmacies and hospitals.

The project aims to provide information needed to optimise medication management processes and decision support to enable care providers to deliver even higher quality care for the frail aged. The project is currently in the planning phase and we are commencing a process to define the business requirements for Electronic Medication Management in Aged Care.

How you can help

During November and December 2009, workshops are being held around Australia to provide an overview of the project and seek input on requirements that will inform the future design of the system. We are looking for providers in Aged Care, General Practice, Pharmacy and anyone with a special interest in the area, to attend a workshop session. Background information and workshop topics will be sent to all registered participants prior to the workshop. **We are hoping for attendance by large, medium and small facilities, and those who are fully, semi and unautomated. Please also do whatever you can encourage your contracted pharmacist and associated doctors to attend.**

PLEASE REGISTER ASAP, AS NUMBERS WILL BE STRICTLY LIMITED.

Adelaide Workshop date, times and location

December 3 - Adelaide

9.30pm – 12.30pm

Aged Care Association Aust. – SA Inc

Cnr Avenue Road & North Street, Frewville, SA (see attached map)

Registration

Attendance is FREE, however, registration is essential. Please provide the names and facility affiliation of those attending via email to enquiry@acaasa.com.au. Phone queries to **8338 6500**.