



# Healthy Skepticism

## Countering misleading health information

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### Regulating Pharmaceuticals:

#### Do partnerships with industry bring about better health outcomes?

##### An interactive panel discussion hosted by Healthy Skepticism

Australia's National Medicines Policy accepts the pharmaceutical industry as a partner in the "cooperative endeavour to bring about better health outcomes for all Australians".

Are relationships with the pharmaceutical industry beneficial or harmful to public health, given the commercial realities faced by pharmaceutical companies?

What are the strengths and deficiencies of our current system of regulation?

Do the Therapeutic Goods Administration and state regulatory authorities have the political support and resources necessary to maintain objectivity?

Is public access to regulatory processes and decisions sufficient to properly evaluate the operation of the policy?

In what promises to be a robust discussion, this event will provide an opportunity to explore current issues in the regulation of pharmaceuticals with our expert panel.

**Where:** Maxwell Seminar room, Level 2, Women and Children's Hospital

**When:** Thursday 24 September 4.00 pm

#### Panel

**The Hon Mark Butler MP**, Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Commonwealth of Australia

**Emeritus Prof Lloyd Sansom**, AO, Chair, Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee

**Assoc/Prof Chris Doecke**, Director of Pharmacy Services, Royal Adelaide Hospital

**Emeritus Prof Peter McDonald**, AM, retired Infectious Diseases physician

**Dr Agnes Vitry**, Senior Research Fellow, School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences, UniSA

**Dr Ken Harvey**, Senior Research Fellow, School of Public Health, La Trobe University

**Dr Jon Jureidini**, Head, Department of Psychological Medicine, Women's & Children's Hospital, and Chair, Healthy Skepticism

**Dr Peter Mansfield**, OAM, GP and Director, Healthy Skepticism

**Facilitator:** Prof Anne Tonkin Director, Medicine Learning & Teaching Unit, Adelaide University

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