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Media Release

Social accountability underpins APC's interprofessional Colloquium – registrations now open.

How to improve Indigenous health outcomes, engage and support people with mental illness and develop empathy in health professional students and practitioners are the key themes the Australian Pharmacy Council's (APC) [Colloquium](#) will explore in May.

Together we can do more: Education for social accountability across the health professions – an interprofessional symposium is a one-day event offered in partnership with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council to deliver an invigorating and interprofessional program that focuses on educating for social accountability.

"As health professionals, we have a responsibility to be accountable not only for our actions and clinical decisions, but to ensure we integrate our health services as best they can in a dynamic and multicultural society," APC CEO Bronwyn Clark said.

"Cultural sensitivities and socio-economic needs and differences cannot be ignored in a socially accountable system and APC along with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council is keen to find out where this complex part of health service delivery lands.

"Everything we do as health professionals has an impact from the individual and local community to the broader vision we want for a culturally mature, sensitive and advanced society and the pharmacy, nursing and midwifery professions working together is a fundamental part of that," Ms Clark said.

The Colloquium will also explore how we educate to learn, teach and practise with other professions.

We have an outstanding and dynamic line up of speakers from pharmacy, nursing, and mental health partnering together to present innovative and emerging research:

- **Leanne Te Karu** – Prescribing Pharmacy/Associate Dean, Otago University, New Zealand
- **Professor Sarah Robert-Thomson** – Associate Dean, The University of Queensland
- **Associate Professor Neil Cottrell** – Director of Interprofessional learning, The University of Queensland

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- **Dr Norman NG** – Lecturer, School of Human Movement and Nutrition Sciences and Course Coordinator, The University of Queensland
- **Dr Marion Tower** – Director, Undergraduate & Pre-registration Nursing & Midwifery programs, The University of Queensland
- **Suzanne Caliph** – Lecturer, Pharmacist, Centre for Medicine Use and Safety, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Monash University
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- **Dr Sarah Rotstein** – Women's Mental Health Registrar - Clinical and Research, Medical Student Psychiatry Teaching Coordinator, Monash Alfred Psychiatric Research Centre (MAPrc), Alfred Health, Monash University
- **Laura Dean** – Course Director, Graduate Certificate in Pharmacy Practice, Experiential Development and Graduate Education, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Monash University
- **Anna Barwick** – Pharmacy Lecturer, School of Rural Medicine, University of New England
- **Dr Alice Gilbert** – Policy Maker and Strategist, Medicines Management Unit, Northern Territory Government
- **Professor Wendy Cross** – Mental Health Commissioner and Dean, School of Nursing and Healthcare Professions, Federation University Australia

Registrations have now opened! [Colloquium 2019](#) is for those interested in education for the health professions, including academics, teacher-practitioners, practising professionals, students, interns and policy-makers across the health sectors.

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