

Lindy Swain

Lindy Swain is a pharmacist academic and Rural Pharmacy Liaison Officer at the University Centre for Rural Health in Lismore, NSW, where she conducts education for pharmacy students, medical students, Aboriginal Health Workers and pharmacists. She also teaches Rural Policy, Aboriginal Health and prescribing at UTS, University of SA, UQ and UWS. Lindy's particular area of interest is working with Aboriginal people to assist with medication management, optimising treatment and outcomes. She is a PhD scholar researching "Strategies to Increase Home Medicines Review in Aboriginal communities". Other projects in which Lindy has recently been involved include the development of the PSA Guide to Providing Pharmacy Services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and a Heart Foundation resource for Aboriginal patients with chronic heart failure, establishment of the North Coast Aboriginal pharmacy assistant traineeship program and the Australia Pharmacy Council's Remote Rural Pharmacists' project. Lindy is also the Director of Rural Policy for the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA). Lindy is an advocate and advisor for rural pharmacy issues, writes government submissions and chairs the PSA Rural Special Interest Group. Lindy is passionate about changing rural service models to include clinical pharmacists, as she believes greater pharmacist involvement in team care arrangements could reduce medication mismanagement and hospitalisations. Lindy also works as a clinical pharmacist at Bullinah Aboriginal health service and is a tireless advocate for more pharmacists to be working in Aboriginal health. She is a National Rural Health Alliance board member and was announced the 2014 PSA Pharmacist of the Year.