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Adjunct Professor Paul Brent  
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Dear Adjunct Professor Brent,

**RE: SHPA FEEDBACK ON TGA AMENDMENTS TO THE POISONS STANDARD**

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia is the national professional organisation for more than 5,000 pharmacists, pharmacists in training, pharmacy technicians and associates working across Australia's health system. SHPA is committed to facilitating the safe and effective use of medicines, which is the core business of pharmacists, especially in hospitals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed TGA medicines scheduling amendments. SHPA has consulted with our General Medicine Practice Group, Geriatric Medicine Practice Group, Mental Health Practice Group, Haematology and Oncology Practice Group, Transitions of Care and Primary Care Practice Group and Medication Safety Practice Group.

Feedback from our members is included below:

Medicine	Comments
Ondansetron	SHPA supports the down-scheduling of Ondansetron to Schedule 3, for the oral and sublingual formulations only, as parenteral formulations are not suitable as Schedule 3 medicines.
Melatonin	SHPA supports the down-scheduling of Melatonin however a maximum quantity should be included.

SHPA supports the need for pharmacists to record supply or dispensing of all medicines in My Health Record, to enhance the sharing of information between health care providers and consumers.

We hope this feedback is valuable and thank you again for the opportunity to provide it. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Johanna de Wever, General Manager, Advocacy and Leadership on [jdeweever@shpa.org.au](mailto:jdeweever@shpa.org.au).

Yours sincerely,

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