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A joint initiative of the Patient Services Section and the Drug and Therapeutics Information Service of the Pharmacy Department, Repatriation General Hospital, Daw Park, South Australia. The RGH Pharmacy E-Bulletin is distributed in electronic format on a weekly basis, and aims to present concise, factual information on issues of current interest in therapeutics, drug safety and cost-effective use of medications.

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Now in its 7th year of production, the RGH Pharmacy E-Bulletin has grown to be a trusted and reliable source of concise, factual information on issues of current interest in therapeutics, drug safety and cost-effective use of medications. Over 350 editions of the E-Bulletin have been produced and distributed so far, reaching a readership of thousands in nearly 30 countries around the world. Each week the E-Bulletin addresses a current and interesting topic, reviewing subjects with the backing of the excellent Drug Information resources of the RGH Pharmacy Department. The E-Bulletin is produced by respected pharmacists and doctors associated with the RGH pharmacy department, and has gained recognition for its high quality content and user-friendly presentation.

Many pharmacists, doctors and nurses read the E-Bulletin regularly for their own benefit, and feedback suggests that the information is often put to good use in patient care. If you are taking the time to review the E-bulletin, which is always available free to anyone who wants to subscribe via email, why not take the extra step and use the materials to gain valuable CPD recognition?

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Although different registration authorities will have specific views regarding the recognition of the content of the RGH E-Bulletin CPD digest, it is likely that pharmacists using the service will be able to claim significant credits for CPD purposes. For example, initial discussions with the Pharmacy Board of South Australia have indicated that users of the RGH E-Bulletin CPD digest will be able to claim three Enrich credit points per month – this would clearly represent a major contribution towards the overall requirements for CPD activities if the system were to be used over the course of a full year.

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Remember, anyone can receive the RGH Pharmacy E-Bulletin free of charge – the CPD digest is an optional extra.

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