

NAVIGATING THE CHANGING PHARMACY LANDSCAPE



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AGENDA

- CAM IN PHARMACY
- OUR HEALTH STATE
- AUSTRALIAN PHARMACY SNAPSHOT
- OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAM INTEGRATION
- EVIDENCE BASED CLINICAL ASSESSMENT
- SIX-STEP ACTIONS FOR BRAND OWNERS
- Q&A



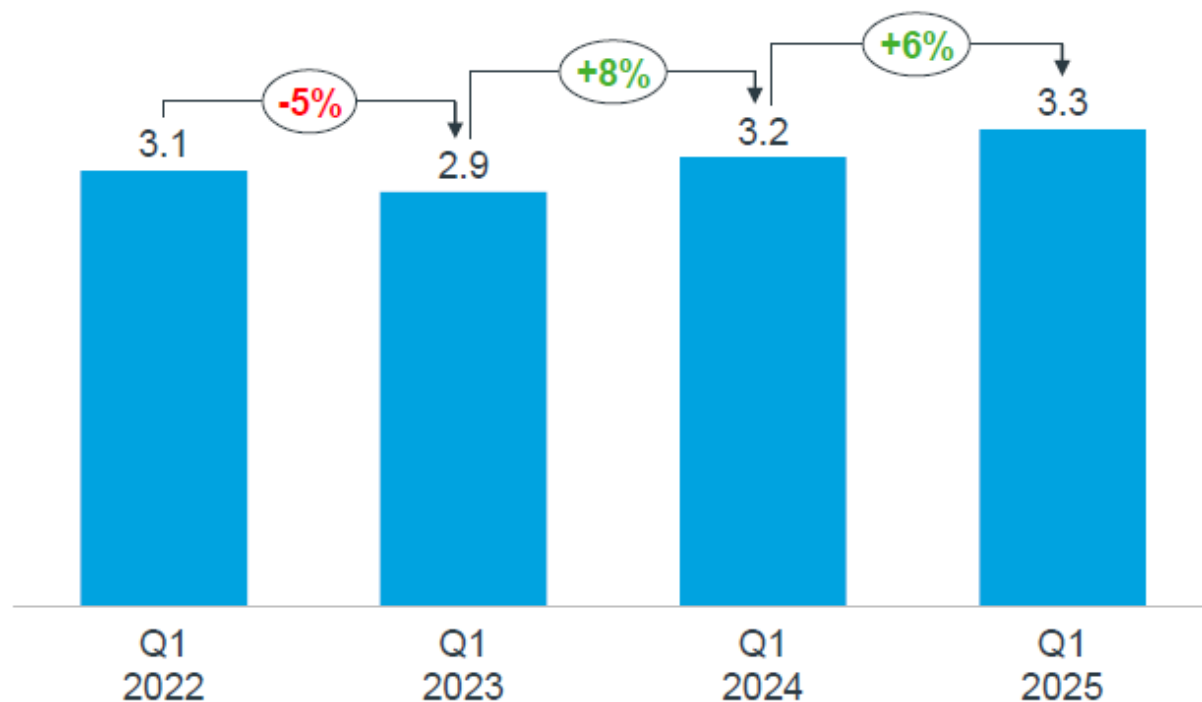


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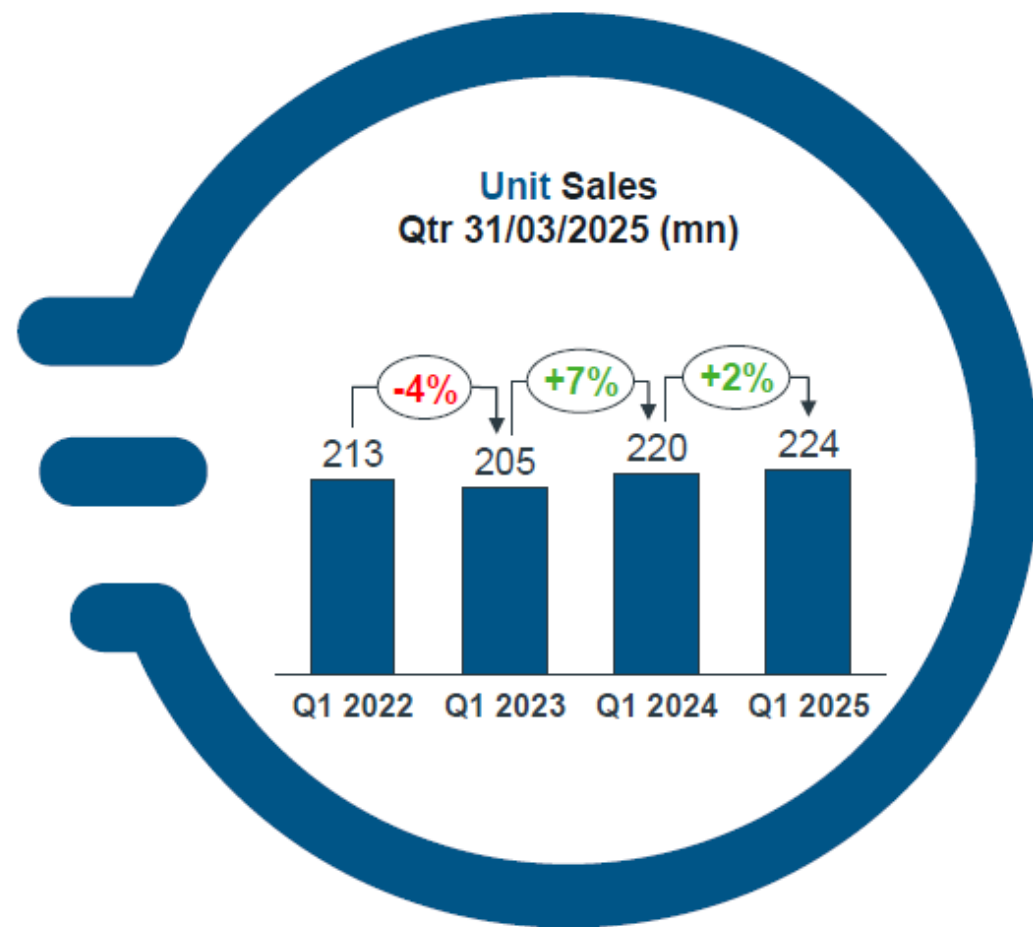


Consumer health sales in pharmacy grew, but growth was slightly below last year, with a softer increase in consumption than Q1 2024

Total AU scanned Pharmacy Consumer Health Value sales
Qtr 31/03/2025 (\$bn)



Unit Sales
Qtr 31/03/2025 (mn)



Lifestyle and beauty categories continue to top growth whilst Probiotics contributed to Vitamins and Supplements growth



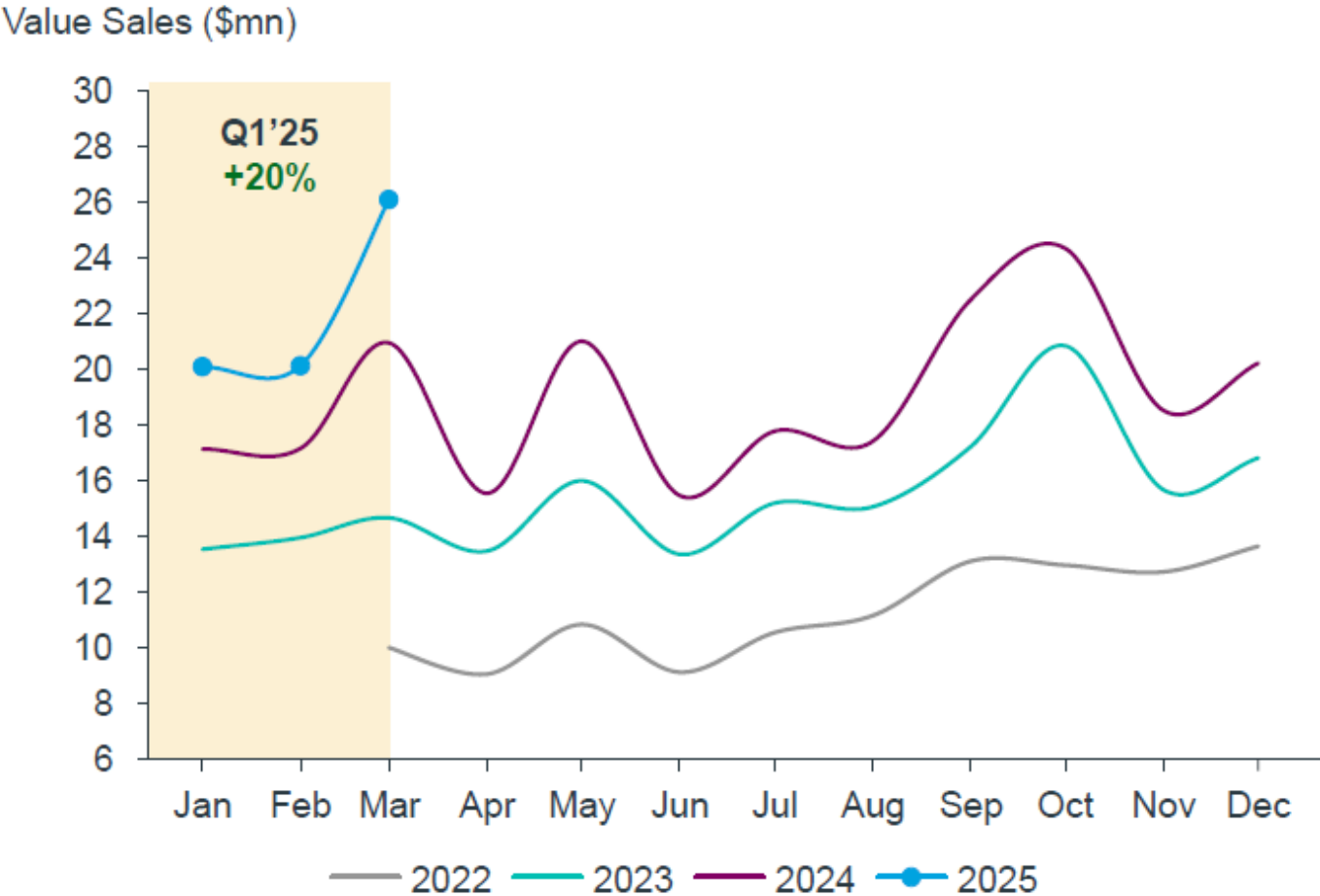
Source: IQVIA | AU Pharmacy Scan | QTR 31/03/2025 | Top 5 growing Categories out of Top 20 largest categories
IQVIA | AU Consumer Health Snapshot | Q1 2025

Sports Nutrition sustained growth suggests an enduring lifestyle change, encompassing psychological and social well-being

Motivations for exercise participation, Australia, 2024



AU Scanned Pharmacy Sales, Sports Nutrition (\$mn)

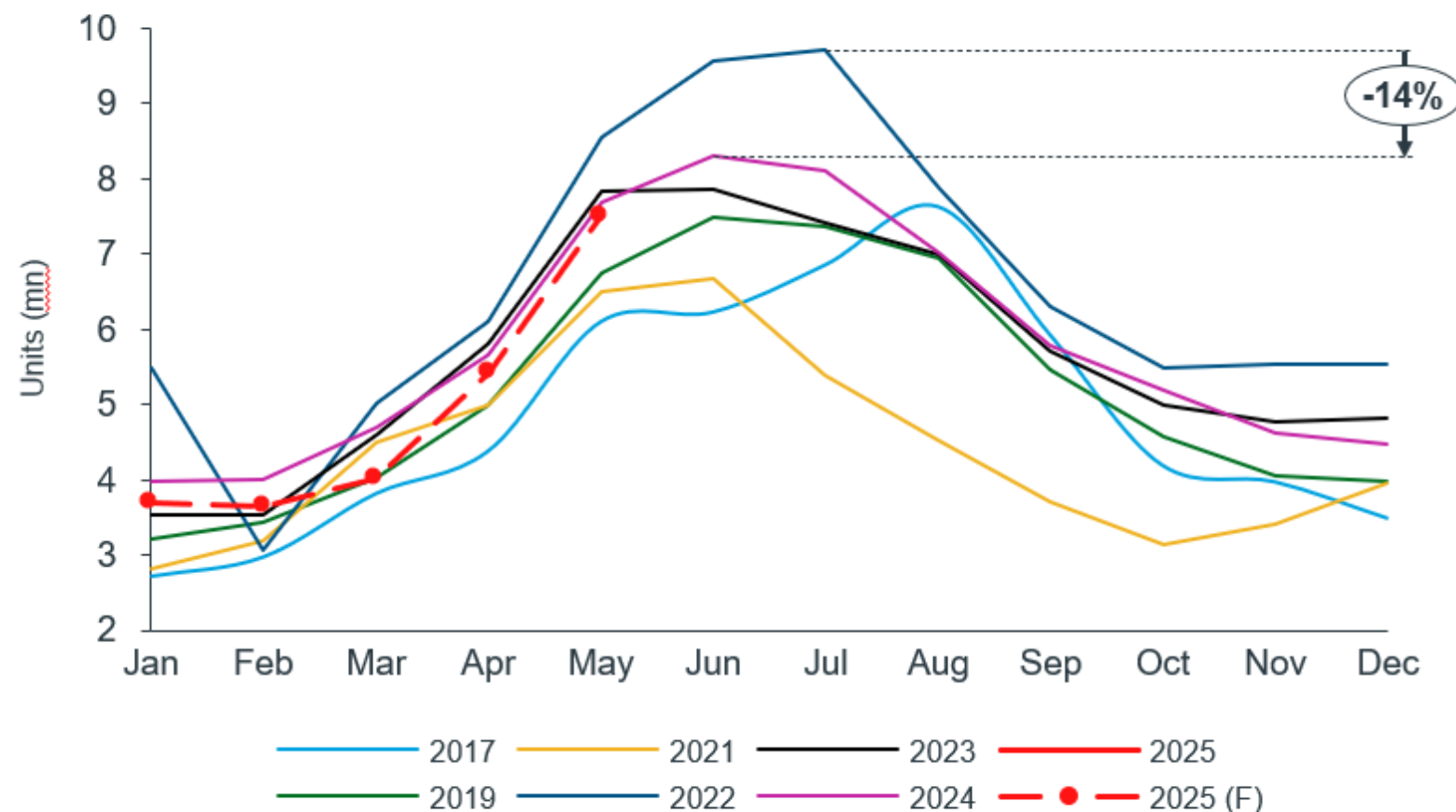


Source: IQVIA | AU Pharmacy Scan | QTR 31/03/2025 | AusPlay Survey, Jan-Dec 2024
IQVIA | AU Consumer Health Snapshot | Q1 2025

C&F is expected to be milder this year

C&F

Scanned C&F unit (mn) monthly trend, selected years



Insights

- Initial view suggest mild year
 - Children more affected for now
- 2024 was more potent than 2025
 - Potent years tend to be followed by milder years
- Inflation evident off slow demand
 - YTD '25 \$96 mn (-2%)
 - YTD '25 units 7 mn (-6%)

Outlook

- Typical for a milder after potent year
- May have knock-on effects for VMS, e.g. immunity, kids, energy

HEALTH MEGA-TRENDS

YOUTHFUL
AGING

PROACTIVE
HEALTH

HEALTH
EPIDEMICS

WELLNESS
REVOLUTION

HEALTH IS
WEALTH





OUR HEALTH STATE

OUR HEALTH (AIHW 2024)

We are seeing great improvements for coronary heart disease and cancer...



The **coronary heart disease** death rate (adjusted for age) has been falling since the late 1960s, and has **fallen** by more than 80% since 1980 – from 428 to 52 deaths per 100,000 population between 1968 and 2022. There was a slight increase between 2021 and 2022.



7 in 10 (71%)

people **survived** at least 5 years after a **cancer** diagnosis during 2015–2019 – an improvement from **5 in 10** (53%) in 1990–1994. Cancer death rates have **decreased** by 32% over the last 30 years (adjusted for age).

Leading causes of death in 2022:

1. Coronary heart disease
2. Dementia
3. **COVID-19**
4. Cerebrovascular disease
5. Lung cancer

Chronic conditions are an ongoing cause of substantial ill health, disability and premature death...



Dementia was one of the leading causes of **disease burden** in 2023, with the number of Australians with **dementia** predicted to **more than double** by 2058 (to 849,300 people).



In 2020–2022, 46% of **females aged 16–24** had a **mental illness** in the last 12 months. This was the highest rate for females, and higher than for males of any age.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (2024) Australia's health 2024: in brief, catalogue number AUS 249, AIHW, Australian Government.



BURDEN OF DISEASE - 61% HAVE 1 X CHRONIC DISEASE

38% WITH >2 CHRONIC DISEASES

RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS

MENTAL HEALTH
&
SUBSTANCE ABUSE

MUSCULO-SKELETAL, CV, CANCER

DEMENTIA

Leading causes of burden of disease:

1. coronary heart disease
2. dementia
3. back pain etc
4. anxiety disorders
5. chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

Causes burden throughout life course, esp. in children and elderly

Greatest burden in the first half of life course (5-44)

Leading burden in the latter half of life course (45-84)

Leading burden in OLDER Australians (+65) with cancer and CV disease. #1 death in females and #2 for males



A HEALTHIER AUSTRALIA REQUIRES **ACCESSIBLE** AND **EQUITABLE** ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE....

- MULTI- DISCIPLINARY APPROACH
- FINANCIALLY AND GEOGRAPHICALLY ACCESSIBLE
- HEALTH PROMOTION AND PROACTIVE APPROACH
- HEALTH LITERACY IMPROVEMENT
- STIGMA REDUCTION OF DISEASES

AUSTRALIAN PHARMACY HEALTH HUB



- 5935 community pharmacies in Australia
- 445 M visits per year. Average person visits a community pharmacy at least 18 x per year
- 97 % of Australians live within 2.5 km of a pharmacy
- Scope-of-practice pilot: pharmacists diagnose & prescribe for 17 conditions

2024 Pharmacy Barometer.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculties/graduate-school-of-health/pharmacy/what-we-do/pharmacy-barometer>

50%
OF AUSTRALIAN WOMEN
EXPERIENCE A UTI IN
THEIR LIFETIME.
Source: UTS Outbreak Project

**CONSUMERS WHO
SOUGHT ADVICE
FROM A PHARMACIST
IN THE 12 MONTHS
TO JULY 2022:**
70%
Source: Pharmacy Guild
Members Survey, 2022





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Comply with paracetamol pack size changes

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60-day medicine dispensing



Increased scope for professional health services



E-scripts



Reduced PBS pharmaceutical co-payment



OTC changes:

- Paracetamol pack size restrictions (2025)
- Pseudoephedrine to BTC
- Codeine (2018)
- Cough suppressant pholcodine (2023)



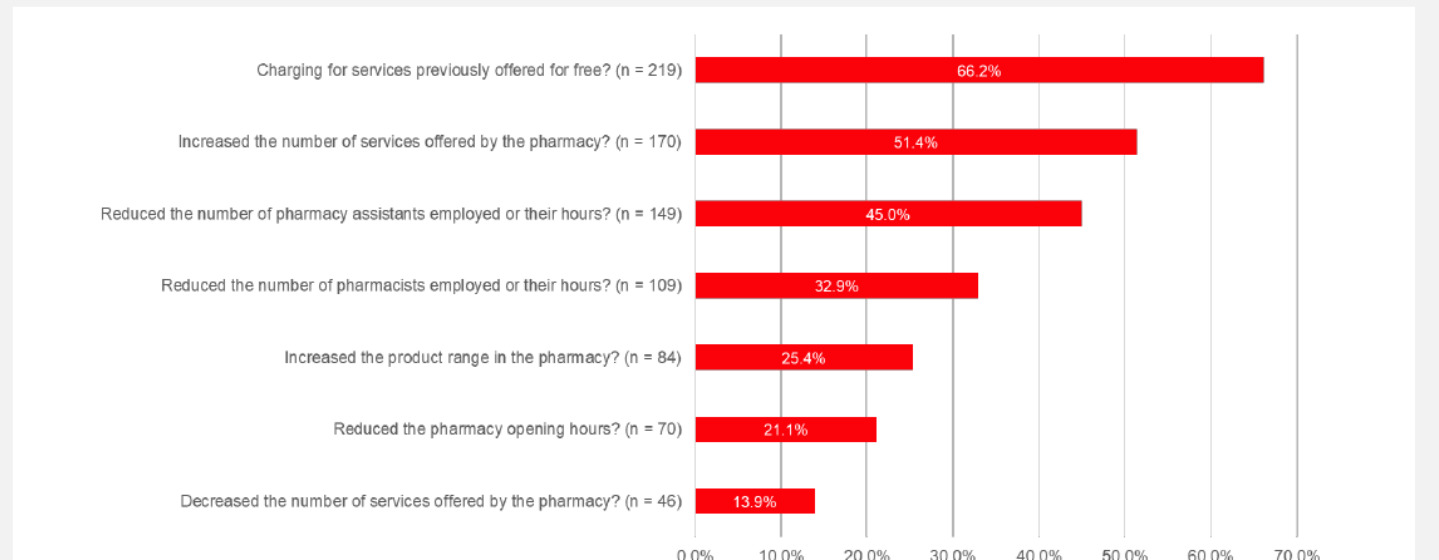
Children's allergy and cough/cold medication

INCREASED REVENUE AND DECREASED OVERHEADS

In response to potential reduced foot traffic due to 60-day dispensing pharmacies implemented measures

- Fee for services
- Increased services
- Increased products
- Reduced hours
- Reduced staffing
- Reduced services

Figure 8. Percentage of pharmacies that implemented strategies prior to the 8CPA as a result of 60-day dispensing, (Wave 14, N =360)



Prevalence of new services provided as a result of the 60-day dispensing policy

Blood-pressure-monitoring

Dermatology-prescribing

Wound-care

Expanded-scope-of-practice

Medschecks

Prescribing
Vaccinations

CBD-products vapes

Naloxone OCP-prescribing

UTI-prescribing

Chronic-disease-management

Webster-packing

Document-certification

Sleep-apnea

Figure 15. Prevalence of new products offered in the pharmacies as a result of 60-day dispensing



Note: n=84 decision makers replied yes and specified the product

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Time for a Vaccination or a Health Service?

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NSW PHARMACY TRIAL



NSW Health

- **COMMON SKIN CONDITIONS**
 - Mild to moderate eczema
 - Shingles
 - Impetigo
 - Mild plaque psoriasis
- ✓ **UTIS**
- ✓ **RESUPPLY OF ORAL CONTRACEPTIVE PILL**
- **FUTURE EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE:**
 - Middle ear infection (Acute otitis media)
 - Outer ear infection (Acute otitis externa)
 - Acute minor wound management
 - Acute nausea and vomiting
 - Gastro-oesophageal reflux and gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GORD)
 - Mild to moderate acne
 - Mild, acute musculoskeletal pain



PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES

MedCheck

- Diabetes
- CV disease
- Aged care

Health Checks

- Chronic conditions
- BP monitoring
- Cholesterol screening
- Sleep apnoea

Minor Infections

- UTIs
- Ear infections
- Skin conditions
- Oral contraception

Prescriptions/ consultations

- Oral contraception
- Minor infections
- UTIs
- Ear infections
- Skin conditions

Vaccinations

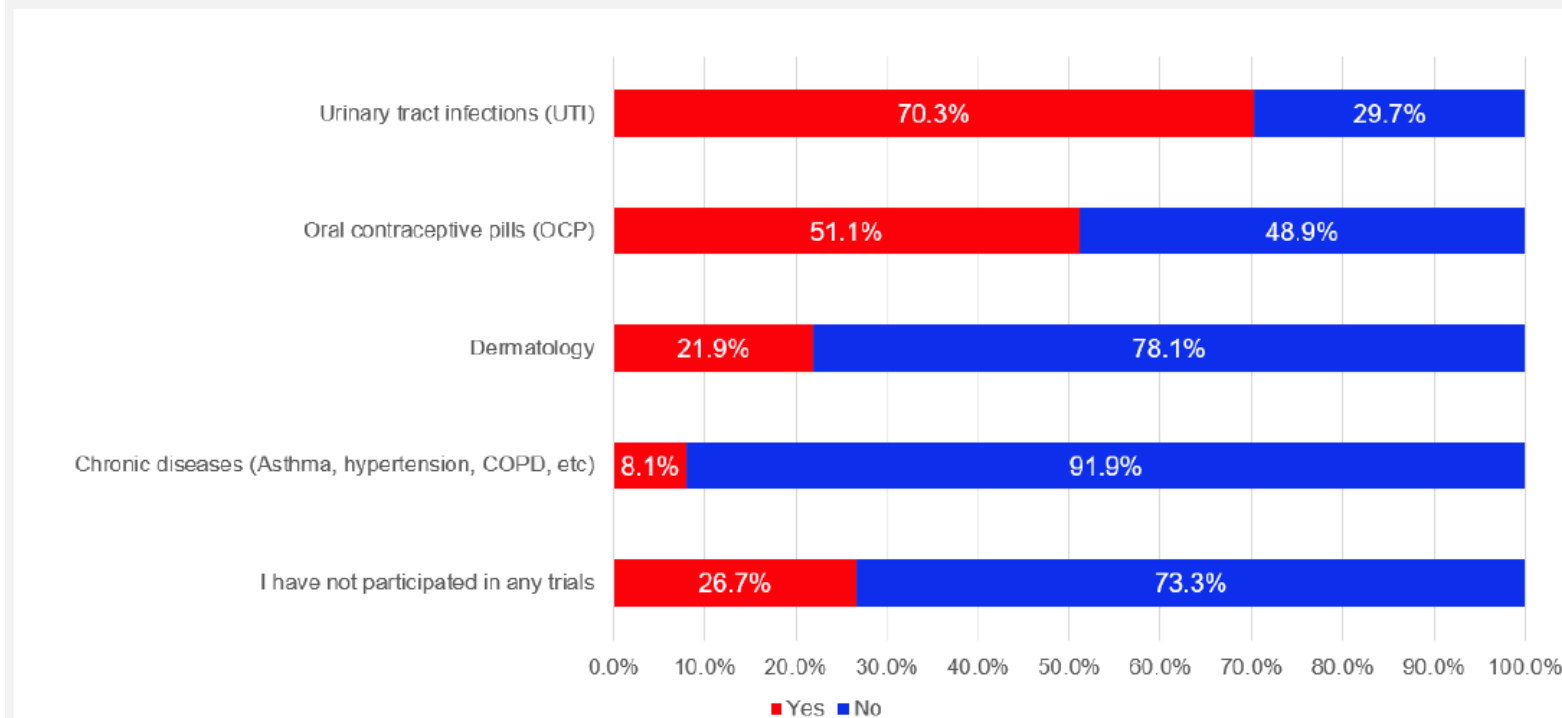
Medicine via injection

Wound care

Weight management

HEALTH SERVICES WILL DIFFER PHARMACY TO PHARMACY

Figure 23. Participation in pharmacy trials for the expanded scope of practice (all states)



N Wave 14=360

CONSUMERS SUPPORT PHARMACY HEALTH SERVICES

- Diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, respiratory conditions and infectious diseases cited by pharmacists as most needed.
- Consumers saw highest need with mental health tests, alcohol/drug testing and diabetes.

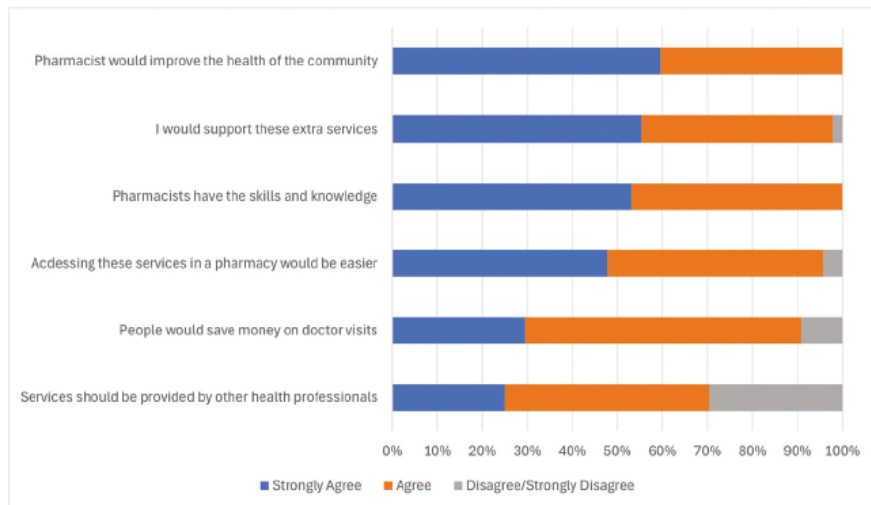


Figure 3. Likert-scale consumer responses to pharmacists and the provision of expanded services.

Table 2.

Identified health needs for all towns versus the identified expanded service by consumers.

| Service | Reported as a health need (%) | Reported as a wanted expanded service (%) | % Difference |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Mental health tests | 75 | 41 | 34 |
| Diabetes | 60 | 56 | 4 |
| Lung diseases | 45 | 40 | 5 |
| Heart attack/stroke | 50 | 38 | 12 |
| Alcohol/drug testing | 70 | 38 | 33 |



OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAM INTEGRATION IN PHARMACY HEALTH CARE

ADDRESSING SPECIFIC RX TEAM NEEDS AND NETWORK OF HCPS IS CRITICAL



RETAIL STAFF

- Pharmacist
- Buyer
- Allied health
- Pharmacy assistants



CONSUMER

- Proactive
- Reactive



HCP NETWORK

- Doctors
- Natural health
- Allied health



CAM INTEGRATION – POTENTIAL



MedChecks and chronic disease monitoring:

Magnesium with PPIs

CQ10 or Ubiquinol with cholesterol medications and elevated blood pressure

Omega 3 for blood pressure

Cranberry and hydration with UTIs

Probiotics



Health focused clinics

Sleep clinics → Sleep support medications, respiratory health, allergies

Diabetes clinic – other chronic care



Vaccination:

Immune support, proactive care for winter seasons

Kid cough meds



Travel:

Probiotics

Preventative care





EVERY POINT OF INTERACTION
IS AN OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Clinical relevance & value

Evidence-based differentiation

Consumer centric benefit

Confidence in
prescribing

Ease



ASSESSING THE PRODUCT VALUE



What is the risk?



What is the benefit?



Is it accessible?



Does it support practice guidelines?



Is there demand?



What value is provided?

BUILDING CONFIDENCE



CLINICAL ASSESSMENT FOR A NEW MEDICINE

01

Clinical relevance:

Is the new product an improvement over the product we currently use?

02

Clinical void:

Does the new product fill a true clinical need?

03

Cost:

Is the cost more or less than the product we currently use?

04

Extra costs:

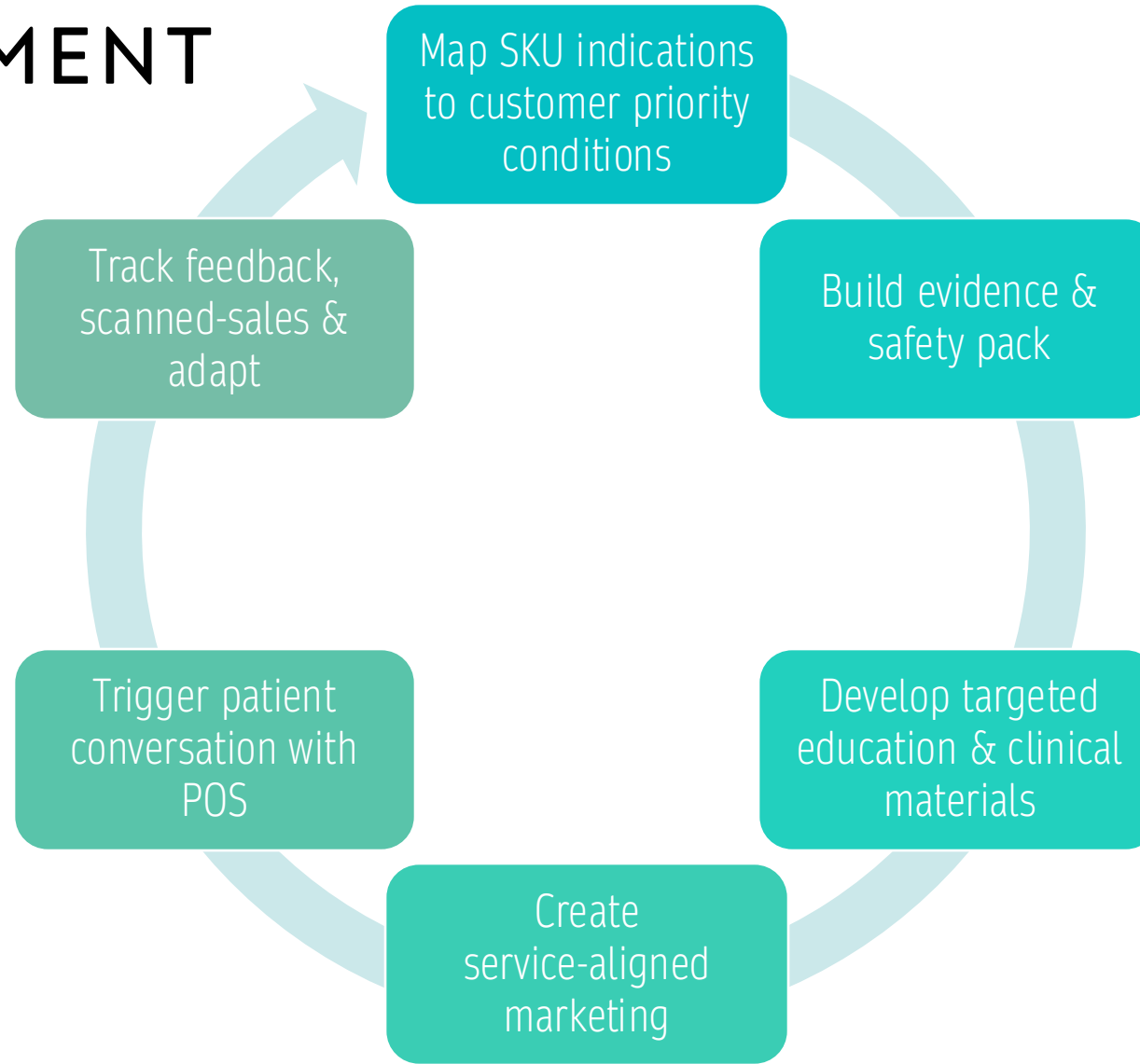
Are additional charges for product improvements worth the cost?

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Safety:

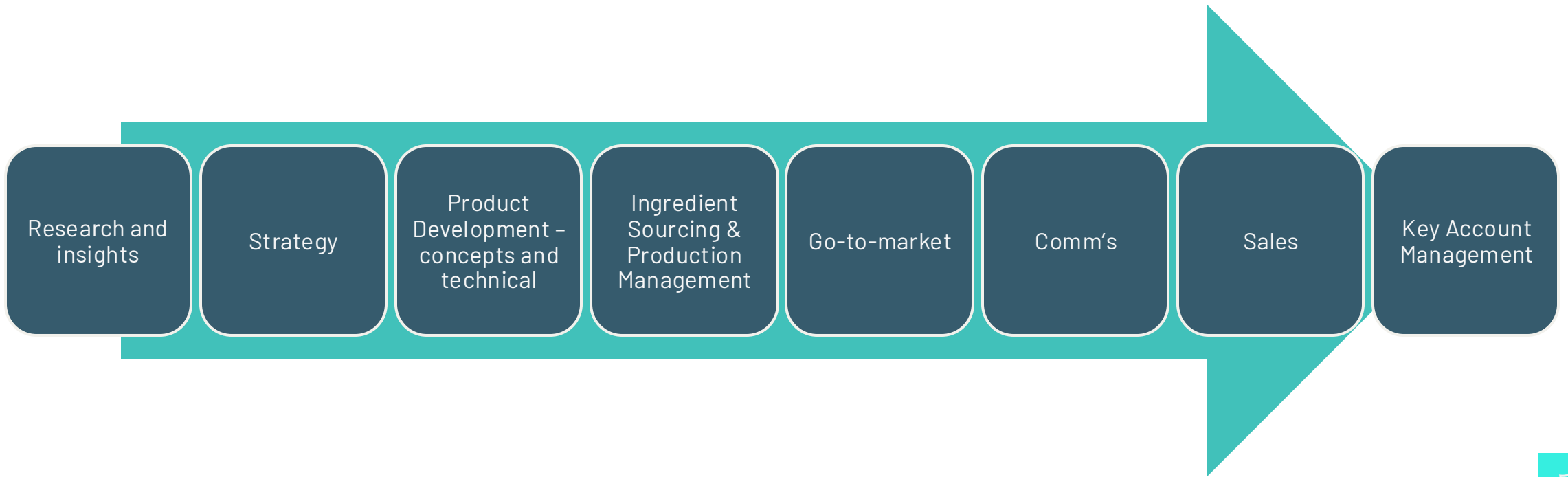
Does the new product offer better safety features?

KEY ELEMENTS FOR HCP AND CLINICAL ASSESSMENT



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- Regardless of where you are at, we can help.
- Contact us for a no-obligation exploratory meeting to review your business and needs





Making Natural Health Easy

Strategy to implementation

Concept and Product Development – GTM – Marketing and Communications – Business development – Sales



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