



L-Università ta' Malta
Faculty of
Medicine & Surgery

Department
of Pharmacy

Pharmacy Symposium 2026

2-6 March 2026

PROGRAMME



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ORAL COMMUNICATION SESSIONS

Doctorate in Pharmacy Third Year Students

MPhil- PhD Students

MPharm Students

MSc in Pharmaceutical and Regulatory Sciences Students

B.Sc. (Hons) Pharm.Tech Third Year Students

POSTER DISCUSSION SESSIONS

B.Sc. (Hons) Pharm.Sci Fourth Year Students

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

B.Sc. (Hons) Pharm.Sci Third Year Students

B.Sc. (Hons) Pharm.Sci Second Year Students

MONDAY 2 March

09.00 OPENING SESSION

Oral Communication Session: Doctorate in Pharmacy

10.30 Remote Good Manufacturing Practice Inspections
Stefanie Farrugia

10.40 Addressing Challenges to Shortages of Pharmaceutical Products
Janica Mizzi

10.50 Reform of the European Union Pharmaceutical Legislation
Fidan Mirzayeva

11.00 *BREAK*

11.30 Meeting Patient Needs Beyond Regulatory Compliance
Alessia Stivala

11.40 Pharmacy of Your Choice Service Improvement through Digital
Technology
Janelle Bianca Mary

11.50 Access to Pharmacist Recommended Medicines
Jean Claude Calleja

12.00 Streamlining Pharmaceutical Needs at Patient Discharge
Gerald Muhoro Chege

12.10 Pharmacist-Led Point-of-Care Testing of Iron Levels
Raquel Formosa

12.20 Medical Devices in the Community Pharmacy
Kairylle Joy Mina

Oral Communication Session: MPharm: Pharmaceutical Regulatory Sciences

- 12.30 Stakeholder Input in Optimising Medication Access
Geordie Schembri
- 12.40 Glossary of Abbreviations and Acronyms used in Regulatory Sciences
Libina Thomas
- 12.50 Pricing of Medicines
Sannidhi Deepak Shetty
- 13.00 Applications, Opportunities and Challenges of Digitalisation in
Pharmaceutical Distribution
Kyra Jade Debono
- 13.15 *Doctorate in Pharmacy Seminar*
- 13.45 *Networking lunch*

TUESDAY 3 MARCH

- 09.00 *Opening*

Oral Communication Session: MPharm: Pharmacy Practice

- 09.20 Reducing Prescribing Cascades in the Older Population
Nicole Sciberras
- 09.30 Integrating Clinical Pharmacy Services into Geriatric Care
Damien Spiteri
- 09.40 Hospital Pharmacy in African Countries
Ibram Magdy Youssif Zekry

- 09.50 Risk Minimisation Strategies for Drug-Related Problems in Community Pharmacy Practice
Elena Gatt Bonanno
- 10.00 Strengthening Pharmacy Practice for Future Emergencies: Insights from COVID-19
Kathlene Saydon
- 10.10 Blood Pressure Monitoring and Screening for Obesity and Arrhythmia in Community Pharmacy
Andrea Fenech
- 10.20 Advances in Community Pharmacy Practice
Thayane Ferreira Salles
- 10.30 Strategies for Health and Safety Risk Reduction in Pharmacies
Maria Pia Caruana
- 10.45 *BREAK*

Oral Communication Session: MPhil/PhD

- 11.15 The Pharmacist: A Transition Ambassador for Teenage Patients with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus
Jonathan Vella
- 11.25 Signals for Quality Assurance in Medicinal Products Regulatory Sciences
Valentina Sammut
- 11.35 Analysis of Cannabidiol-containing Products
Karolina Szyrner
- 11.45 GMP-Related Quality Challenges and Feasibility of Additive Manufacturing for Pharmaceutical Drug Products
Elton Gatt
- 11.55 Clinical Investigations for Medical Devices in Small Member States
Shirley Tanti

- 12.05 The Contribution of Signal Detection in Promoting Safety, Quality and Efficacy of Medical Devices
Luca Galea
- 12.15 *Student feedback seminar*

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

- 09.00 *Opening*

Oral Communication Session: Pharmaceutical Technology

- 09.20 Evolution of Environmental Sustainability in the Pharmaceutical Sector
Betta Mizzi
- 09.30 Artificial Intelligence in the Pharmaceutical Sector
Jael Ellul
- 09.40 Developing a Glossary of Terms in Pharmaceutical Regulatory Sciences
Noemi Sciacca
- 09.50 Updates in Pharmaceutical Labelling
John Paul Camenzuli
- 10.00 Proactive vs Reactive Risk Management Strategies in Pharmaceutical Technology
Milos Solarevic
- 10.10 Advances in Cannabinoid Profiling Using Supercritical Fluid Chromatography
Shaia Pace

10.20 Wearable Devices in Cardiovascular Health Monitoring
Alex Talmaciu

10.30 *BREAK*

Oral Communication Session: MPharm: Pharmacotherapeutics

11.00 Pharmacist Interventions in Ambulatory Cancer Care
Ylenia Marie Xerri

11.10 Use of Empagliflozin in the Management of Heart Failure
Yosef Jarboua

11.20 Pharmaceutical Perspectives of Stem Cell Therapy
Emiliya Kuriakose

11.30 Pharmaceutical Perspectives of Gene Therapy
Muhammed Majid Meepata

11.40 Pharmaceutical Perspectives on CAR-T Therapy
Adnan Rehmat

Oral Communication: MPharm: Social and Administrative Pharmacy

11.50 Pharmaceutical Workforce: Job Satisfaction and Interprofessional
Collaboration
Daniela Pisani

12.00 Pharmaceutical Horizons: Opportunities in Pharmacy
Maya Falzon

12.10 Optimising Ethical Review for Pharmacy Students
Gabriel Busuttil

12.20 Potential Measures to Manage Shortages by Facilitating API Sourcing
Leanne Zammit

Oral Communication: MPharm: Pharmaceutical Analysis and Medicinal Chemistry

- 12.30 Establishing a Cannabis Testing Facility for Determination of Potency and Contaminants
Maria Celine Azzopardi
- 12.40 Drug Design and Optimisation at the Verona Integron-Encoded Metallo- β -lactamase Enzyme
Elaine Curmi
- 12.50 Drug Design and Optimisation at the α -Glucosidase Receptor
Evan Bonello
- 13.00 *Closing*

THURSDAY 5 MARCH

09.00 *Opening*

Oral Communication Session: Master of Science in Pharmaceutical and Regulatory Sciences

- 9.20 Assessing Harmonisation of Pharmaceutical Regulatory Sciences
Paul Immanuel Buhagiar
- 9.30 Compliance in Quality Control Reviewing Processes of Finished Products
Claudia-Angèle Galea
- 9.40 Qualified Person Guidance for Technology Transfer at Acceptor Site
Jonathan Schembri
- 9.50 Product Quality Reviews performed at a Batch Release Site
Matthew Conti
- 10.00 Implementation of Continuous Process Verification in the Pharmaceutical Industry
Marija Galdes

- 10.10 Risk Management in the Batch Release Process of Biosimilars
Kimberly Vassallo
- 10.20 Risk Management in Quality Control for Microbiological Processes
Kimberley Bianchi
- 10.30 Regulatory Pathways for registration for Medicinal Cannabis Products
Chris Desira
- 10.45 *BREAK*

Oral Communication Session: MPharm: Global Pharmacy

- 11.15 Global Perspectives on Pharmaceutical Workforce
Dodette Mercado
- 11.25 Medical Device Regulation in India
Kebin Paul
- 11.35 Pharmaceutical Services for Infectious Diseases in Pakistan
Ayesha Saeed
- 11.45 Global Perspectives on E-Prescribing Practices
Rasha Nasr
- 11.55 Global Perspectives on Infectious Diseases and Vaccines
Rezin Roy
- 12.05 Medical Device Regulation in Africa
Obed Oduro Darko
- 12.15 Community Pharmacy Practice in Mauritius
Jessika Mungroo

Poster Discussion Session: Social Pharmacy and Pharmacy Regulation

- 12.20 Digital Tools in the Pharmaceutical Process
Emilie Daniela Bonnici
- 12.25 Digital Health Tools: Risks and Ethical Considerations
Emily Desira
- 12.30 Digitalisation: Online Accessibility to Medicines
Celine Borg
- 12.35 Pharmaceutical Waste Management
Julia Xiberras
- 12.40 Determination of Shelf Stability of Cannabinoid Products
Rowann Darmanin
- 12.45 Use of Cannabinoids and Flavonoids in Pain
Kerrie Ciappara
- 12.50 Cannabis for Medical and Recreational Use
Michael Victor Farrugia
- 13.00 *Closing*

Friday 6 MARCH

09.00 *Opening*

Oral Communication Session: MPharm: Digital Health

- 9.20 Wearables and Mobile Applications: Pharmacist-Led Patient
Monitoring
Ylenia Grech
- 9.30 Healthcare Professionals Needs for a Digital Maltese Medicines
Information System
Loredana Agius

Oral Communication Session: MPharm: Pharmacy Education

- 9.40 Generative Artificial Intelligence in Pharmacy Education
Tobechukwu Innocentia Anyanwu
- 9.50 Gap Analysis of Needs of International Students Joining the MPharm
Programme
Benjamin Bumkeng Ushahemba
- 10.00 Pharmacy Practice and Education in Egypt
Lydia Samir Hanna Youssef
- 10.10 Pharmacy Practice and Education in Ghana
Ebenezer Andy Quarshie
- 10.20 Pharmacy Education in the Philippines
Paulyn Babayen-on
- 10.30 Entrustable Professional Activities in Pharmacy Education
Shavej Khan
- 10.45 *BREAK*

Poster Discussion Session: Pharmacy Practice and Pharmacotherapeutics

- 11.15 Patient Monitoring Needs for Chronic Medication
Letizia Briffa
- 11.20 Anticholinergic Burden in Chronic Medication
Mariah Fava Borg
- 11.25 Risks in Sleep Management in Community Pharmacy
Raquel Marie Caruana

- 11.30 Digitalisation and Older Persons
Ethan Attard
- 11.35 Direct Oral Anticoagulants in the Older Population
Carla Harrison
- 11.40 Nuclear Medicine: Use of Radiopharmaceuticals
Aya Swan
- 11.45 Implementation of Clinical Guidelines in Heart Failure Patients in
Community Pharmacy
Desiree Camilleri
- 11.50 Management of Heart Failure in Older Patients
Yasmin D'Amato
- 11.55 Renal Impairment after Cardiac Procedures
Katrina Borg
- 12.00 *Closing Session*
- 20.00 *MPSA 60th Anniversary Gala Dinner*
(ticket required)

Third Year Student Pharmacy Practice Projects

Sustainability of The Falsified Medicines Directive

Naiya Abdilla

Pharmacist Consultations in Community Pharmacy

Katrina Abela

Use of Tranexamic Acid in Menorrhagia

Shania Abela

Knowledge and Perception of Sustainable Practices in Healthcare Facilities

Albert-Lauren Agius

Risks of Herbal and Dietary Supplements in Polypharmacy

Jodie Bonello

e-Labeling of medicinal products

Nicolai Bonello

Patient Safety Improvement Through Repeat Prescribing Practices

Karl Camilleri

Pharmacist Intervention in Transition of Care

Jade Cauchi

Digital Transformation in Pharmacy Practice

Kluyvert Farrugia

Lipid Management in Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease

Roberta Fava

Sustainability in Pharmaceutical Curricula

Francesca Fenech

Reflections from Patients on Benefits from Medicines Use Reviews

Luca Galea

Pharmacist-Recommended Medications

Eliana Gomez Blanco

Vaccinations for Healthy Ageing

Maria John Adel Youssef

Perceptions of Pharmacist Workforce

Nicola Mejlaq

Patient Empowerment on Medical Devices

Katya Marie Pace

Meeting Patients' Needs in Community Pharmacy Practice

Marcette Polidano

Meeting Patients' Needs in Hospital Pharmacy Practice

Owen Portelli

Medicines Safety in Animals

Amy Saliba

A Toolkit Preparing for an EU-GMP Inspection

Maya Sciberras

Pharmacy-based Point-of-Care Testing for Infectious Disease

Maria Scicluna

Polypharmacy and Risk of Drug Interactions

Isabelle Sultana

A Toolkit Guiding the Placing of Medical Devices in the European Market

Marie Vella

Price Setting Processes of Medicines

Raisa Vella

Medicines Re-use as a Sustainable Approach

Elaya Xuereb

Remote Patient Monitoring in Heart Failure

Carl Zahra

Second Year Student Pharmacy Practice Projects

Use of Cannabinoids and Flavonoids in Anxiety and Sleep Disorders

Faye Aquilina

Synthetic vs Natural Cannabinoids

John Attard

Educational Needs for Pharmacists about Medical Devices

Julia Borg

Medical Countermeasures for Country Preparedness

Giulia Bugeja

Pharmacists' Perception of 3D Printing

Karl Matthew Buhagiar

Community Pharmacists' Perspectives on Cardiovascular Disease Clinical Practice Guidelines

Victoria Camilleri

Accessibility to Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products

Ilona Cassar

Community Pharmacists and Emergency Cardiac Care

Aia Diyab

Accreditation of Research Laboratory to Facilitate Technology Transfer

Analisa Farrugia Wismayer

Community Pharmacists' Clinical Judgement

Nadia Ibnass

Clinical Trials Landscape in Europe

Nikolai Mangion

Entrustable Professional Activities Supporting Competency in Risk Management in Pharmacy

Jeffrey Mercieca

Evaluating Dispensing Errors in High-Risk Medication

Luca Aidan Piccinino

Science, Myths and Realities of Vaccines

Anna Portelli

Management of Patients with Uncontrolled Hypertension

Nicole Portelli

Perception of Healthcare Professionals about Green Prescribing

Saviour Portelli

Pharmacist-led Antibiotic Dose Adjustments in the Intensive Care Unit

Kyle Schembri

Students' Perspective on Green Pharmacy

Nour Shagrani

Prediction of Cannabis Potency and Contamination

Jorjii Sky Stellini Wiedersum

Pharmacist as Health Influencers

Nicole Diana Tomic Felice

Pharmacists as Digital Health Champions

Kursten Vella




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