



National Prescribing Service Limited

## **Promoting safe medicines use on RUOK? Day**

More than 2000 Australians commit suicide each year; three-quarters of them are male. This is more than the number of people killed in car accidents each year.

RUOK? Day - November 29 2009 - is being launched to bring Australians together in a bid to help prevent risk factors contributing to suicide. It will also promote awareness of information and support by raising the profile of existing organisations that provide these services.

As a provider of medicine information, the National Prescribing Service (NPS) is a unique supporter of RUOK? Day. Medicines and non-medicine treatments play a big part in helping people with depression, and the NPS is a trusted source of independent information for both health professionals and the general public.

The National Prescribing Service (NPS) is a non-profit organisation funded by the Department of Health and Ageing to promote the best use of medicines. We work with doctors, pharmacists, and other health professionals; government; industry; and consumers to identify and resolve challenges around the way medicines are used, to improve the health of all Australians.

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