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To assess chlamydia knowledge, willingness to undertake pharmacy-based chlamydia testing, and facilitators and barriers to such testing in consumers and community pharmacists, in Australia (AUS) and Switzerland (CH).; Statements of interest were retrieved from literature and assembled into a 12-item online survey (English and German versions). Survey was disseminated through Facebook, pharmacies' publicly available emails and professional websites (March 2015).; Consumers and pharmacists (AUS: n; cons; =/198, n; pharm; =/162; CH: n; cons; =/209, n; pharm; =/223) were predominantly female (>65%). Mean chlamydia knowledge scores (maximum of 8) were higher in Australia in consumers (AUS: 6.8/±1.5 vs CH: 4.2/±2.4; p</0.001) and in pharmacists (AUS: 7.1/±1.1 vs CH: 6.1/±1.4; p</0.001). High willingness of consumers to seek testing (AUS: 79.3% vs CH: 83.3%, p=0.3) and of pharmacists to provide testing (AUS: 95.7% vs CH: 80.3%, p</0.001) was observed. Greatest barrier for consumers was "Embarrassed about asking for a test" (AUS: 47.8% vs CH: 51.2%, p=0.7) and "No remuneration" for pharmacists (AUS: 40.7% vs CH: 31.8%, p=0.07).; The majority of consumers and pharmacists support pharmacy-based chlamydia testing. There is now emerging evidence that the policy makers in Australia and Switzerland need to develop pharmacy-based chlamydia testing as core business.

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