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## Step forward for e-Health

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If enacted the legislation would create a unique healthcare number for health care providers and consumers, with the govt saying the identifiers "will provide a new level of confidence and accuracy when communicating patient information across and between private and government healthcare providers."

The identifier service will be initially operated by Medicare Australia, which will automatically allocate a number to every Australian who currently has a Medicare Card or a Dept of Veterans' Affairs treatment card. It's planned that the healthcare

identifiers will be implemented by mid-2010 if passed by Parliament, with the draft legislation following "comprehensive consultations with stakeholders" including all of the states and territories.

Comments on the exposure draft bill are due by 07 Jan 2010 - see [health.gov.au/ehealth/consultation](http://health.gov.au/ehealth/consultation).

## Qld board closure

THE Qld Office of Health Practitioner Registration Boards has advised it will close at 12 noon on Thu 24 Dec and reopen at 9am on Mon 04 Jan 2010.

## Clomephine price up

THE Health Department has advised that from 01 Jan the Commonwealth Price to Pharmacist for the PBS-listed drug clomiphene tablet 50mg will increase to \$25.72, up from \$23.20.

The department said the change is outside of the normal price change points of 01 Apr, 01 Aug and 01 Dec each year, and is due to a change in the number of clomiphene brands available on the PBS from 01 Jan 2010.

## Three pages today

TODAY'S *Pharmacy Daily* has two pages of news plus a full page promoting the new *Australian Pharmacy Law & Practice* book available from Elsevier Australia.

For more information see **p3**.

## API drives pharmacy sales

**API'S** independent catalogue program Pharmacy Best Buys has made another customer very happy, with Leeanne Woods from San Remo in NSW the winner of the major prize in the Sep catalogue - a new Holden Cruze.

Each month participating stores in the Pharmacy Best Buys catalogue program give their customers the opportunity to win a fantastic prize, with Jozef Tjong of Northlakes Pharmacy in San Remo thrilled to be able to reward his



customer with the car.

Pictured above in front of the store are, from left: Lynnette Curry, API BDM; Chris Craig, Holden dealer; winner Leeanne Woods; and pharmacist Jozef Tjong.

## Vit D - diabetes link

A NEW Zealand researcher has uncovered a link between vitamin D and combating insulin resistance.

Pamela Von Hurst, nutrition lecturer at the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health in Albany, studied 235 insulin resistant South Asian women, from Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka aged 20yrs and over, and found that after they took vitamin D supplements the womens' condition improved significantly.

The study also showed that vitamin D produced a marked increase in bone strength in the study's older participants

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## Caesars stabilised

FOR the first time in over a decade, the rate of Australian women undergoing caesarean births has not 'markedly' increased, according to the latest report released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

The report, titled "Australian mothers and babies 2007", found that between 2006-07 there was only a 0.1% rise in caesarean births.

The results also showed the rate of primary caesarean births was 22% higher for first time mothers (32%) than for mothers who had previously given birth (12%).

## Travel Specials

**WELCOME** to *Pharmacy Daily's* travel feature. Each week we highlight a couple of great travel deals which we're sure will be of interest to everyone in the pharmacy industry.

**JETSTAR** has today launched new flights to Fiji, and is offering a super special one way fare from just \$149.

The bargain must be booked at [www.jetstar.com](http://www.jetstar.com) before midnight tonight, and there are also a several Fiji holiday packages in connection with the new flights which take off in March next year.

For something a little more active, **OUTDOOR TRAVEL** is offering some extra special last minute offers for hikers planning to tackle the 104km Great Ocean Walk.

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## CSL gum disease vaccine

**CSL LIMITED** today confirmed that it's developing a new vaccine to treat severe gum disease, in collaboration with Sanofi Pasteur.

CSL has signed an agreement with Sanofi to fund a program for the further development of the vaccine, based on candidate antigens identified through more than a decade of research by CSL and scientists from the University of Melbourne, in the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Oral Health Science.

"Periodontitis is a serious disease and dentists face a major challenge in treating it, because most people will not know they have the disease until it's too late and the infection has progressed to advanced stages," said CEO of the CRC and the head of the Dental School at the University of Melbourne.

The new vaccine approach targets the so-called "ringleader" of a group of pathogenic bacteria which cause periodontitis, called *Porphyromonas gingivalis*.

Prof Reynolds said the CRC was very excited about the novel approach to the disease which will potentially "provide dentists and patients with a specific treatment

which prevents disease progression, rather than managing its symptoms and damaging consequences."

The candidate vaccines are being trialled in mouse models of periodontal disease and will progress to clinical trials following a positive response.

If the program succeeds Sanofi Pasteur has an option for an exclusive worldwide license to commercialise the products.

## Panvax fact sheet

**THE** Pharmacy Guild has issued a new fact sheet on the Panvax H1N1 vaccine, following the recent approval of Panvax for children aged 6 months and older (**PD** 04 Dec).

"As front line health professionals, members and staff are likely to receive enquiries from customers regarding the vaccination program," the Guild said, confirming that consumer brochures and posters have been sent to all pharmacies nationally for distribution to customers.

The fact sheet aims to help pharmacists answer commonly asked questions about the vaccine and can be downloaded from [www.guild.org.au](http://www.guild.org.au).



## DISPENSARY CORNER

**HOW** about this as a new non-medication way to relieve stress?

A Taiwanese computer engineer has made a success of a new business selling so-called "Voodoo Socks" after he was forced to leave his job due to a personality clash with his boss.

The socks are designed specifically for their wearers to vent their frustrations, and were created by Wang Bang-yu after he ceased his employment.

He drew the outline of a doll on the bottom of his socks and wrote 'ex-boss' on it, after which he proceeded to jump up and down.

The idea of stomping on his former superior was born, and now Wang's dark coloured voodoo socks are available with a wide variety of "grudges" including, 'ex-manager', 'ex-boyfriend/girlfriend' and even some political Taiwanese leaders.

"The one that sells best is the original 'ex-boss' pair because many people hate their former bosses," said Wang.

So far Wang has off-loaded 500 pairs of socks, and plans to vastly expand his empire.

As for his ex-boss - ironically, instead of anger towards him, he now feels a sense of extreme gratitude!

**AN INDONESIAN** labourer's bid to be named the world's tallest man has fallen short, after officials judged his height to be five centimetres less than the current record holder, Turkish man Sultan Kosen.

Previous hospital records had stated Suparwono's height at 2.71 metres-24 centimetres taller than Kosen's 2.47 metres.

However official measurements taken by the Indonesian Museum of Records have recently put paid to that claim, clocking Suparwono in at a mere 2.42m.

The officials measured Suparwono both lying down and standing up, to be doubly sure of the results.

The figures, whilst disappointing for Suparwono, have placed him as the tallest man in Indonesia.

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*Australian Pharmacy Law & Practice* addresses the current issues surrounding pharmacy law and regulation in Australia. As the Federal Government moves to implement a national registration and accreditation scheme for pharmacists, the pharmacy workforce is set to become more mobile as a result. There has been no greater time than now for practising pharmacists and students to understand the implications of current legislation and legal provisions underpinning their area of practice.

This text provides a comprehensive analysis and discussion of the legislation and practice standards which are relevant to the practice of pharmacy. As well as covering specific pieces of legislation relating to the regulation of pharmacy practice and drug control, *Australian Pharmacy Law & Practice* includes important sections on legal concepts and the Australian constitution; the evolution of pharmacy practice and ethics; privacy legislation; occupational health and safety; and professional conduct including matters regarding investigation, discipline, and legal proceedings.

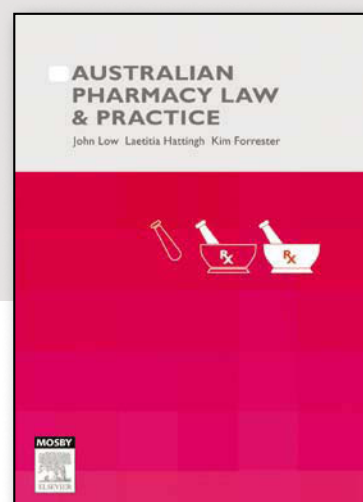
*Australian Pharmacy Law & Practice* is the first text of its kind to address pharmacy practice in all its facets in the unique context of the Australian legal framework. It will be a valuable resource to students and overseas trained pharmacists seeking registration in Australia, as well as to qualified practitioners who seek to better understand the laws and standards that govern the profession.

## FEATURES

- unique in the Australian marketplace – presently there is no publication dealing with pharmacy law and ethics specific to the Australian situation
- each chapter includes learning objectives, review questions and activities, and further readings
- the inclusion of quotation from case law – provides an opportunity for readers to learn from history

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