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## Pharmacy wins own award

COMMUNITY Pharmacy has won a significant victory with the establishment of its own national award.

The Australian Industrial Relations Commission handed down its award modernisation decision on 19 December.

It means that from next year, pharmacy staff will be recognised under the new Pharmacy Industry Award 2010 instead of the Retail Industry Award as originally proposed by the AIRC in September.

The Pharmacy Guild welcomed the decision, which it said protects the health services provided by pharmacies that would have been jeopardised by

inclusion in the retail award.

Guild president Kos Sclavos said: "The Commission's decision to allow a separate award for community pharmacy is a victory for common sense, and for the strong advocacy of the Guild."

The Guild secretariat and the State branches are now examining the detail of the new award to assess its overall impact on pharmacies in different parts of Australia.

The new award takes effect from January 2010 for pharmacies that are Constitutional corporations.

## Cough syrup stolen

TEN thousand bottles of cough medicine were stolen from a storage facility in Brisbane last month, prompting fears that illicit drug manufacturers are turning to syrups, instead of tablets, containing pseudoephedrine.

Detective Superintendent John Pointing of the state drug and property crime group told *The Sunday Mail* that the cough syrup could be considered an alternative source of pseudoephedrine because of heavy restrictions on over-the-counter cold and flu products.

Police said they had not yet found any evidence of cough syrup being used in illicit labs.

## WA pharmacy hold-up

TWO men have been charged over an armed hold-up of two children, their mother and staff at the Stirling Highway pharmacy in Western Australia.

The men, aged 37 and 51, allegedly pointed a sawn-off shotgun at the customers and escaped with drugs and cash.

They were remanded in custody and will appear via video link for sentencing on 21 January.

## New PBS listings

POSACONAZOLE (Noxafil) has been listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for patients with invasive fungal infections.

The 01 January listing of posaconazole provides protection against species of fungi not controlled by other PBS-subsidised therapies, and it will fill the need for a safe, effective, and broad-spectrum preventative antifungal agent.

Patients with breast cancer and patients with diabetes are also expected to benefit.

The additional listings of a range of diagnostic products will also allow for up to 12 mths supply.

Patients with bone metastases (bone secondary cancer) from breast cancer will also benefit from the new PBS listing of ibandronic acid 50 mg tablets (Bondronat).

## Nyal Cold & Flu recall

NYAL Cold & Flu Fighter and Nyal Cold & Flu Fighter Day and Night tablets have been recalled following a link with a small number of serious allergic reactions.

Contact Valeant Pharmaceuticals customer service line to arrange for the return of the affected product on 1800 630 056.

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## DISPENSARY CORNER

IF peak hour on the public transport system gives you motion sickness, imagine giving birth on the train.

A polish woman, Julia Kowalska, has the honour of being the second woman in history, to give birth at a London Tube station.

Her contractions began on the train, travelling on the Jubilee line, and finished in a Kinsbury station masters office, where she gave birth, assisted by an ambulance crew.

Perhaps another train spotter has been born?

LET it out with Kleenex.

A school in Manchester have been the first to implement a new campaign teaching children how to blow their nose.

The cold etiquette is being shown in DVD format where characters with colds try to stop them spreading.

The students are also being directed, under parental supervision, to a Kleenex 'Sneezesafe' site which teaches them about cold germs and how they spread.

"It is in the curriculum to teach children safe hygiene from an early age" said headmistress, Sheila Merchant, in response to negative parent feedback.

A CAR thief in Helsinki has received a rude shock when the discovery of a humble mosquito in the stolen vehicle he was in lead to his capture.

After being sent off by police to the lab, the DNA found in the contented mozzie, was matched to a man who was already in the police system.

It seems now that thieves have to consider not only wearing gloves, but Aerogard too!



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