

## NSW PGA seminar

THE NSW Pharmacy Guild is running a business support seminar for pharmacists and pharmacy managers.

The event will be held on 18 Mar from 7pm at the Pharmacy Guild, 84 Christie St, St Leonards.

The cost is \$30 and the presenter will be Peter Saccasan of Guild Accountants - bookings to: [training@nsw.guild.org.au](mailto:training@nsw.guild.org.au).

## Scleroderma awareness month

MARCH is Scleroderma Awareness Month, aiming to raise the profile of the incurable autoimmune disorder, which is being worked on by a number of Australian research teams.

Pharmacists can play an important role in early diagnosis by referring patients who describe dry or tight skin on their hands, and other symptoms like breathlessness, fatigue and feeling tired all the time.

For more information go to [sclerodermaaustralia.com.au](http://sclerodermaaustralia.com.au).

## Corum: EFTPOS for LOTS

CORUM Health Services (CHS) has launched integrated EFTPOS for LOTS, simplifying Point of Sale (POS) transactions.

The new integrated product, which links LOTS POS software with a Suncorp EFTPOS terminal, can automatically collect purchase totals, meaning pharmacists don't have to re-enter sales amounts and can cut transaction times.

It was developed by CHS in conjunction with Corum

## RCH flu study

THE Royal Children's Hospital, Brisbane is conducting an Influenza Paediatric vaccine study on children aged from six months to 17 years.

The hospital's clinical trials unit is currently looking for children to be involved in the study, which looks to improve knowledge of the approved vaccine.

The vaccine will be provided free to participants and interested parents should call (07) 3636 3537.

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## DISPENSARY CORNER

A CELEBRATED female athlete in China has thrown away most of her medals after finding out she is really a man.

Hospital tests have confirmed Xiao Nan's suspicions that she wasn't the same as all the other girls at school competitions.

Her athletic performances won her a free place at university, but she says she always felt confused because she was attracted to women and "my body is more like a man than a woman."

A check-up at a local hospital confirmed that she had male chromosomes.

Xiao is now living as a man and undergoing a course of sex change surgery.

He says he's looking forward to going swimming "wearing only boxer shorts".

CAUGHT with a cracked cast!

A Chilean man, 66, has been arrested at Barcelona airport wearing a leg cast made entirely of compressed cocaine.

The man was on a flight from Santiago and arrived at the airport in a wheelchair.

Aside from the coke-cast, he also had cocaine hidden in fake beer cans and in the legs of folding stools in his luggage.

The man actually did have a broken leg, and is now in hospital having surgery.

It's thought it was broken deliberately to appear genuine.

OBAMA bad for your health?

An Indonesia consumer group has warned against a new snack called 'Obama,' which has a cartoon picture of the US President on the packet.

The snack could be harmful because it also contains a plastic toy plane that is not wrapped separately.

## Win a Nailene Nail Duets pack!

Artificial nails just got easier with the introduction of *Nailene's Nail Duets*, the first ever artificial nails to come in pre-matched nail pairs.

To celebrate, *Pharmacy Daily* has teamed up with *Creative Brands* to offer one lucky reader a packet of *Nailene Nail Duets* every day this week, priced at \$15.99.

The time-saving *Nail Duets* has done the work for you when it comes to selecting what artificial nail to put on which nail, having already pre-matched nail pairs.

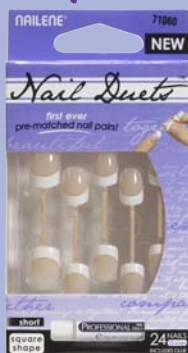
*Nailene Nail Duets* are available in French Manicure style in four different shades to suit different skin tones and a variety of styles to match all nail types for the best fit.

To receive your very own *Nailene Nail Duets* pack for FREE, email your answer to the following question to [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au):

**Why are Nailene Nail Duets so unique?**

The first correct answer will win the prize - so be quick!

**TIP:** Visit the *Nailene* website at [www.nailene.com](http://www.nailene.com).



eCommerce and Suncorp.

The new system also allows pharmacists with a Suncorp Business account to access overnight cash settlements.

Samantha McLean, gm for Corum eCommerce, said: "we have negotiated extremely competitive rates for our Health Services Customers, so there are both positive cash savings and time savings."

Corum Group Managing Director, Mark Winnett also hinted that more developments could be on the way.

In a press release announcing the EFTPOS integration he said: "we are in a very unique position that we can leverage the expertise of our specialist eCommerce division to be able to provide some exciting payment products and services to our existing pharmacy customers," adding that "this is just the beginning."

Over 2300 Australian pharmacies use Corum products to manage their POS and dispensary operations.

## PSA defends pharmacy rep

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia has issued a stinging response to a story in last Friday's *Sydney Morning Herald* which said pharmacists don't live up to their claims of being caring professionals.

The statement dismisses the report as "without substance" and says it "totally ignores the reality of pharmacy practice".

Warwick Plunkett, the president of the PSA, said "the caring nature of pharmacists is backed up by consumers themselves," adding that the reputation for being caring is "an honour given to the profession by the Australian public," not a claim made by pharmacists.