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- 23 Jun:** Australia's Health 2010 Conference and Report Launch, Canberra National Convention Centre - conference@aihw.gov.au.
- 23 Jun:** Joint PSWA/SHPA 'Drug Information' evening for pharmacists only - more info lgregory@pcwa.com.au.
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ASMI reassures on NSAIDs

THE Australian Self-Medication Industry has added its voice in response to the Danish study of the use of popular pain relievers (PD yesterday), saying that NSAIDs "continue to play an important role in short-term pain relief for the majority of consumers".

ASMI executive director, Juliet Seifert, said it was important to note that the pain relievers looked

at in the study were supplied on prescription and hence often taken in higher doses, as well as for longer periods than recommended for OTC use - an average of 14 days in the study.

The Danish review was also unable to identify if there was a pre-existing cardiovascular condition or other risk factors, and also didn't identify the reason for which the NSAIDs were being prescribed, Seifert said.

The report also noted that "use of low-dose ibuprofen and diclofenac was associated with a decrease in risk of cardiovascular death".

New NZ Guild VP

THE Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand has announced the election of Christchurch pharmacist Karen Crisp as its new Vice President.

Crisp owns and operates two pharmacies in the South Island city with her husband who is also a pharmacist, with the new role taking effect after the NZ Guild's upcoming AGM on 23 June.

No PD next Monday

THE next issue of *Pharmacy Daily* will be published on Tuesday 15th June, due to next Monday's NSW Queen's Birthday public holiday.

US dental probe

THE US Food and Drug Administration has announced plans for an 'advisory panel' later this year to discuss scientific issues which may affect the regulation of dental amalgam.

The meeting will particularly focus on the potential risk to vulnerable populations such as pregnant women and young children.

UK pharmacy checks

PFIZER has launched a new pharmacy-based 'Vascular Health Check' service in the UK which will allow English Primary Care Trusts to roll out health check programs in local settings such as community pharmacies.

The Pfizer offering is a commercial service providing IT, consumables, equipment, training and support.

Results of a pilot program run by Pfizer showed that offering the checks in pharmacies was a particularly successful way of engaging hard-to-reach parts of the community who rarely consult a GP.



DISPENSARY CORNER

A RESEARCH team in the USA has come up with a some new life-saving underpants.

They're based on so-called "intelligent textiles" and include an electronic biosensor imprinted on the elastic waistband, which can measure blood pressure, heart rate and other vital signs.

The project at the University of California San Diego has been funded by the US military, with nano-engineering professor Joseph Wang saying it "involves monitoring the injury of soldiers during battlefield surgery.

"The goal is to develop minimally invasive sensors that can locate, in the field, and identify the type of injury," he said.

However it's likely the technology will find a host of civilian applications too, with Wang saying similar systems could be used for "remote monitoring of the elderly at home...[or] monitoring a wide range of biomedical markers."

A 23-YEAR-OLD man accused of cutting the hair of unsuspecting bus passengers in Portland, Oregon in the USA has been sentenced to 2 years in prison.

Jared Walter apparently cut "large clumps" of hair from three women over the last 12 months.

The offence caused some issues for prosecutors, because state law doesn't specifically deal with theft of a stranger's hair.

He was eventually charged with third-degree robbery.

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