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## PD comp winners

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of yesterday's Nude Paw Paw competition, Veronica Gousev of Allergan and Natasha Flynn of Cabot Health.

For more chances to win, see today's comp (bottom right).

## More Aussies in hospital

AUSTRALIAN hospital admissions increased from 8.5 million to 8.9 million between 2009-10 and 2010-11, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

In terms of breakdown, the increase in admissions was higher in public hospitals (4.1% to 5.3 million) than in private hospitals (3.9% to 3.6 million), a figure which contrasts with the trend over the past five years which showed larger increases for private hospitals than for public hospitals.

Coinciding with the increase in public hospital admissions, the report also found a rise in spending on public hospitals to \$37 billion in 2010-11.

According to the AIHW, the public

hospital spend has been increasing faster than inflation, rising by an average of 5.9% each year between 2006-07 and 2010-11 and by 8.2% between 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Meanwhile the highest portion of overall hospital admissions in 2010-11 came from people aged over 65 years (38%), whilst admissions for people aged 85 and over increased significantly in the five years to 2010-11, rising by 41% compared with an increase of about 15% for all other age groups.

The majority of these admissions, according to the report, were for acute care (87%) or rehabilitation care (8%), whilst 2.2 million admissions involved a surgical procedure in 2010-11, 280,000 of which were emergency admissions and the remainder were elective.

The report also found that around two-thirds of elective admissions involving surgery were in private hospitals, whilst 87% of emergency admissions involving surgery were in public hospitals.

## Nuvigil suit to be settled

MYLAN has entered into an agreement with Teva that will resolve pending patent litigation related to Nuvigil (armodafinil Tablets, 50mg, 150mg, and 250mg).

Under the agreement Mylan could start selling generic versions of the drug under license beginning in June 2016, or earlier under certain circumstances.

The agreement also sees the dismissal of pending litigation over Mylan's generic, however further details of the arrangement have not been released.

The agreement itself is now subject to review by the US Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission.

## Votrient approval

THE US Food and Drug Administration has approved GlaxoSmithKline's Votrient (pazopanib) for the treatment of advanced soft-tissue sarcoma.

This approval marks the first time in over 30 years that a drug has been approved by the FDA for the use in the treatment of soft tissue sarcoma that has failed conventional therapy.

For details see [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).

## Reform prizes

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## WIN A NUDE PAPAW



This week PD is giving 10 lucky readers the chance to win a Nude Papaw

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**What are the key active ingredients in Nude Papaw Ointment?**

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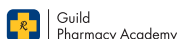
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## Guild Update

The Pharmacy Guild's National Secretariat in Canberra will present a number of papers and posters at upcoming prestigious health events, showcasing the value of community pharmacy in improving health care outcomes for all Australians and the Guild's role and impact on evolving pharmacy practice.

One oral and three poster presentations have been accepted for the National Medicines Symposium in May, as well as one oral and three poster presentations for the 2012 Population Health Congress in September.

For the National Medicines Symposium, the oral presentation is titled "Promoting the quality use of medicines within community pharmacy through Pharmacy Practice Incentives (PPIs) – the story so far ..."

Importantly, it was noted: "The quality of submissions exceeded the expectations of the panel, and the selection process was made even more difficult due to the number of submissions being four times more than what can be accommodated in the oral program."

The titles for the symposium poster presentations are:

1. "Ask, Assess, Advise: Helping pharmacy assistants respond to requests for non-prescription medicines"
  2. "Assessing the quality of advice for supply of non-prescription medicines in community pharmacies; a quantitative framework"
  3. "The Roadmap- the strategic direction for community pharmacy"
- For the Population Health Congress, the oral presentation – a joint presentation with NACCHO – is titled "The 5100 Remote Aboriginal Services Program – Enhancements required to assist in 'Closing the Gap'".

The poster presentations are:

1. "Lack of access to hepatitis C treatment through community pharmacies – A legislative barrier"
2. "Community pharmacies for rural and Indigenous Australia: Advocacy through the infrastructure of community pharmacy"
3. "Prescription repeat folders in community pharmacy – Evidence of use in tackling alcohol consumption issues"



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## New Sydney Phebra plant

**PHEBRA'S** new Sydney manufacturing plant is one step closer following the completion of the project's first major milestone, the qualification and initial validation of a \$2 million Bosch integrated filling machine.

The filling machine was delivered by a team of eight German technicians, who travelled to Sydney to assemble and install the machine before providing its qualification and initial validation.

## Watson's huge increase

**WATSON** Pharmaceuticals has reported a massive 87% year-on-year increase in its first quarter net income, to US\$208.8 million, compared to US\$111.9 million for the same period last year.

Meanwhile the company also enjoyed a 74% increase in its net revenue to US\$1.5 billion, compared to US\$876.5 million in the first quarter of 2011.

In terms of company operations the first 2012 quarter saw Watson launch 60 new products and file 28 applications globally in its Global Generics business, whilst the acquisition of Ascent Pharmahealth helped to expand its reach in Australia and Southeast Asia.

"We will continue to look for strategic opportunities to propel Global Brands and biologics growth and will remain focused on the expansion of our Anda business into specialty distribution," said Watson CEO Paul Bisaro.

According to Phebra's Chief Executive Officer, Dr Mal Eutick, the machine will be the centrepiece of the plant's multi-purpose sterile injectables unit.

"The machine will significantly increase our hourly rate of production for our range of sterile injections and critical medicines – which we estimate to be by up to five times current capacity," said Eutick.

"The additional rate of production will expand Phebra's current research programs for the development of medicines which we can supply for all-important clinical trials and also enhance our capacity to manufacture pharmaceuticals here in Australia – our own range and on behalf of overseas companies," Eutick added.

The plant is expected to be operational by the end of the year, pending the results of a site inspection by the TGA.

## Generic Doryx

**MYLAN** has launched its doxycycline hyclate delayed-release 150mg tablets following a favorable decision by a US court in a patent infringement lawsuit brought by Warner Chilcott.

According to the court's finding Mylan's product does not infringe the subject patent.

Doxycycline hyclate delayed-release 150mg is the generic version of Mayne's Doryx 150mg (marketed by Warner Chilcott), and is a tetracycline-class antimicrobial.



## DISPENSARY CORNER

### A NEW best seller?

English skincare company, Angel and Weightman have launched possibly the world's most expensive anti-ageing cream.

Titled The Count of St Germain, the cream may stop the signs of ageing, but it may take a few years for the average Australian to afford, with a price tag of US\$2,499.

Named after the 17th Century European courtier and alchemist who according to legend, possessed the secret of eternal youth, the cream is formulated using "a powerful combination of botanical extracts, minerals, nutrients, collagen, enzymes, concentrated vitamins and stem cell research" which supposedly diminishes wrinkles and renews the skin.

"Originally, it was a custom order for a wealthy Russian client, who said she wanted to look younger," said Sandra Rothberg, Angel & Weightman's director of product development.

### PROOF of life after death?

British pub goers believe that they have proof that ghosts exist, after capturing a supernatural regular "Reedy" at the Apsley House in Southsea, on camera.

According to local legend, Reedy, named after the actor and famed drinker, Oliver Reed, is known to top up peoples drinks.

Reedy was captured on an iPhone at a retirement party for one of the pub's workers.

"I was taking lots of photos with my iPhone because it was a fancy dress-themed party," said the ghost's photographer, Paul Morgan.

"I took a few of a group of friends and it was once I looked at them a while later I noticed something strange in the background," Morgan added.



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