

CP Expo a week away

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's Clinical and Practice Expo 2012 kicks off in just seven days, with the event at Moore Park in Sydney featuring a free "interactive learning space".

A special smart phone app can be downloaded with full details at www.cpxo2012.mobi, and delegates are urged to register to attend now.

For more info see **page three**.

New Pharma video

THE Pharmacy Guild has released a new video which highlights the benefits of its New Pharma online diagnostic tool, aiming to give prospective users an insight into its "functionality and value".

Dev eloped with the expertise of Zenbuu and supported by Guild Accountants and Meridian Lawyers, New Pharma establishes a "best practice for pharmacists wishing to buy a pharmacy" by giving them the building blocks of a successful business.

It breaks down the process into logical modules, giving the ability to "avoid the many pitfalls" involved in such a complex transaction.

It costs \$330 for a year's subscription including access to the New Pharma website and a range of other resources.

The new video can be seen at pharmacydaily.com.au/videos.

Statins useful for everyone?

AN OXFORD University study published overnight in *The Lancet* suggests that statins can benefit even patients at very low risk of cardiovascular incidents.

The review of 27 trials, covering a whopping 175,000 patients in total, has concluded that statins significantly reduced the risk of heart attack and stroke, and recommends that the UK National Health Service should consider giving them to healthy people too.

The meta-analysis found that reducing LDL cholesterol with a statin reduced the risk of major events, "largely irrespective of age, sex, baseline LDL cholesterol or previous vascular disease, and of vascular and all-cause mortality".

Food allergy move

THE University of NSW has today signed a memorandum of understanding with Korea's National Institute of Animal Science covering "innovative processing techniques that alter the properties of allergenic proteins".

The food allergy research group at UNSW aims to develop nano-sensors that can better detect allergens in food, and they're also working to understand how these allergens change after harvest and during food processing and how this affects human immune responses.

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Mobility key for MS

RESEARCH being presented today in Melbourne is urging a focus on research into symptomatic treatments that improve mobility for multiple sclerosis patients.

The Seventh World Congress of NeuroRehabilitation will look at data from the University of NSW on walking speed, correlating this with a range of quality of life measures in patients with secondary-progressive multiple sclerosis.

Overall slower walking speed was associated with a decline in quality of life over two years, with researcher Aurn Krishnan saying this suggests a clinical focus on the treatment of reduced mobility might deliver significant benefits.

Hip prosthesis care

NPS has published new information for health professionals monitoring patients with metal-on-metal total hip replacement prostheses, which are under review due to a higher than expected rate of replacement surgery.

The information details how patients should be assessed for symptoms of potential toxicity.

European e-learning

THE European Medicines Agency has launched a new online learning course for marketing authorisation holders, to help them comply with requirements for the submission of information on medicines.

Six modules are included such as an introduction to the Eudravigilance system, the regulatory background, data entry procedures and submissions of eXtended EudraVigilance Product Report Messages (XEVMPD).

The training is free and can be streamed live from the website at www.ema.europa.eu.

Top pharmacy iPad winner

PDLA Group has awarded a brand new Apple iPad 3 to Aneek Mollah from Blooms the Chemist Camden, who was the lucky winner of the company's competition at APP on the Gold Coast earlier this year.

PDLA Group introduced its new **top** customer management solution at APP, and Mollah was one of the many delegates to take up the system.

top enables pharmacies to communicate with their customers on a regular basis, with features such as medication reminders to home phones and by email, not



just by SMS.

Mollah said that the system also allows his staff to register customers in the front of shop.

He's pictured left receiving his funky new gadget from PDLA Group director Wim Battaerd.

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FDA ticks Mylan version of Plavix

THE US Food and Drug Administration has given final approval to Mylan Pharmaceuticals application for clopidogrel tablets USP 75mg and 300mg.

It's the generic version of Sanofi-Aventis' Plavix, indicated for acute coronary syndrome and for patients with a recent history of myocardial infarction, stroke or established peripheral arterial disease.

Mylan will have 180 days of marketing exclusivity for the 300mg strength which will be supplied in unit dose packs of 30.

Events Calendar

WELCOME to *Pharmacy Daily's* Continuing Professional Development Calendar, featuring upcoming events and opportunities to earn CPE and CPD points.

If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to feature, email info@pharmacydaily.com.au.

24-25 May: NPS National Medicines Symposium 2012, Sydney Convention Centre - nps.org.au/nms2012.

25-27 May: PSA Clinical and Practice Expo, Hordern Pavilion Moore Park Sydney - psa.org.au/education/conferences

15-17 Jun: Guild Pharmacy Academy Convention and Exhibition, Darling Harbour - guildpharmacyacademy-nce.com.au.

03-06 Aug: Australian College of Pharmacy Annual Conference, Hilton Hotel Brisbane - details 02 6163 6700.

11-15 Aug: Medici Capital Pharmacy Snow Business 2012, Mt Buller Vic - details at www.medici.com.au.

19-21 Oct: PSA Pharmacy Australia Congress, Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre - www.psa.org.au/pac.

01-04 Nov: SHPA 38th annual conference - Medicines Management 2012, Canberra - mm2012shpa.com.

Tackling neglected diseases

THE International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA) has this week released a major report which urges a range of collaborative mechanisms to progress the development of medicines for neglected and tropical diseases.

The report, titled *Assembling the pharmaceutical R&D puzzle for needs in the developing world*, has found that some arrangements designed to encourage companies to commercialise these drugs, such as prizes or patent pools, may not be as effective as other measures.

Instead it suggests open databases, grants, public-private partnerships and advanced market commitments, with the outcomes strongly backed by Medicines Australia ceo Brendan Shaw.

"The fact that the global industry has commissioned a report like this shows how seriously it takes the issue," he said, with combating neglected and tropical diseases

remaining a "key priority for the global medicines industry".

"The report says that fundamentally the existing R&D model is effective, but needs to continue to adapt to changing social and economic circumstances," he added.

Shaw said that internationally the industry is already increasing its research effort into the area at a faster rate than contributions from other sectors such as governments and non-profit groups.

"We are eager to continue working with the broader community to ensure treatments for these diseases are available in developing countries.

"The industry is serious about finding collaborative solutions that drive the development of new medicines and vaccines for the developing world and ensure that people can ultimately benefit from these developments," he added - see the report at bit.ly/IFPMAtropical.

Win a subscription to Therapeutic Guideline eTG complete



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Today, the **Pharmaceutical Society of Australia** is giving one lucky **PD** reader the chance to win the last

subscription to Therapeutic Guideline eTG complete valued at \$315.

You may find this prize handy when you attend Clinical and Practice Expo's **Advanced Clinical Pharmacy stream**. For those who would like to obtain in-depth knowledge and update yourself with current clinical practice, this stream will cover many aspects including palliative care, renal impairment, osteoporosis, drug interactions and much more. [Register now](#).

For your chance to win this exciting prize, simply be the first person to send through the correct answer to the question below.

Which of the following sessions under the Advanced Clinical Stream is presented on Sunday 27 May 2012 at CPEXpo?

a) Palliative Care and Pain

b) Epilepsy

c) Constipation in the Elderly

d) Osteoporosis

Send your answer to: comp@pharmacydaily.com.au

Congratulations to yesterday's lucky winner of a weekend pass to CPEXpo, **Deepak Chhiboo** of **Greenslopes Private Hospital**.

DISPENSARY CORNER

WE'VE heard of fish oil supplements, but this is ridiculous.

The Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute has this week unveiled the world's largest king salmon - a 129-foot monster.

It's not actually a live salmon, but rather a fish-themed design on an Alaska Airlines Boeing 737 aircraft - now described as a "Salmon-Thirty-Seven", which aims to highlight the airline's role in transporting Alaska seafood, keeping it fresh all the way from the cold northern waters to the tables of US diners are quite complicated.

AN 83-year-old man has donated a kidney to a stranger - because he was now too old to give blood.

Nicholas Crace is the oldest of nearly 100 people to have given a kidney in an "altruistic donation" in the UK, since rules were changed in 2007 to allow the procedures to be undertaken on people other than relatives.

A former charity director, Crace has already donated blood 57 times, and said he decided to give his kidney after the death of his wife last year when he found he had more time for voluntary work.

"I've had an easy, comfortable life...I thought it was about time I paid back some of my good fortune," he said.

BREAKTHROUGH research published this week has found that dinosaurs suffered from arthritis, just like humans.

Scientists from Bristol University studied the fossil of an 8m-long pliosaurus and say they found evidence of a degenerative condition in its jaw.

Dr Judyth Sassoon said "in the same way that aging humans develop arthritic hips, this old lady developed an arthritic jaw".

She said that although the dinosaur had survived with the condition for some time, eventually the jaw weakened and broke, with fatal consequences.

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The Future of Pharmacy

The Future of Pharmacy stream focuses on a range of topical subjects which are of prime importance to the pharmacy profession, especially *pharmacy owners* and *managers*, as the profession moves forward.

The Primary Care stream

The Primary Care stream covers a series of key areas of primary care and over the counter issues that pharmacists come across on a daily basis. Ranging from setting up Professional Services in the primary health care settings, to exploring a variety of primary care areas – these sessions are also suitable for *pharmacy assistants*, *interns* and *students*.

Health Awareness and Therapeutic Update

The Health Awareness and Therapeutic Update streams will cover a wide range of health priority areas – diabetes, weight management, mental health, cardiovascular, sporting health. Don't miss out on your opportunity to better understand practical ways to support your patients in achieving a *healthier heart, mind and body*.

Advanced Clinical Pharmacy

Attend the Advanced Clinical Pharmacy stream to update your skills for various aspects of *medication management reviews* or acquire *in depth clinical knowledge*. Work with expert presenters and colleagues to improve your understanding in the important areas of geriatric, palliative care and pain, renal impairment, osteoporosis and much more.