

## S3 board reminder

**THE** Pharmacy Board of Australia has reminded pharmacists they must be satisfied that there is a therapeutic need for the supply of any pharmacist only medicines.

In a communiqué following the board's most recent meeting, on 24 May, the board has highlighted Guideline 4 of its *Guidelines on practice specific issues*.

The guideline mandates more than simply agreeing to supply the medicine on request, or merely asking patients if they have used it previously and know how to use it.

In addition, in cases where consumers ask for specific pharmacist only medicines by brand name as a result of advertising, "this does not abrogate the pharmacist's statutory obligation to establish a therapeutic need and to determine whether supply should occur," the Board said.

## Kids eHealth app

**HEALTH** minister Tanya Plibersek yesterday launched a new mobile app which assists parents to keep their children's important health, growth and development information at their fingertips.

The *My Child's eHealth Record* app allows parents add and monitor information such as immunisations, height, weight and development milestones.

It doesn't replace the Blue Book or its equivalents for recording child development, but connects parents to their child's eHealth record, Plibersek said, with the app available for both iOS and Android.

**CLICK HERE** to get the free app.

## Pharmacy taken off SOL

**THE** pathway for independent skilled migration to Australia as a pharmacist will be unavailable from the beginning of next month, with the removal of pharmacy from the government's official Skilled Occupations List (SOL) for the purposes of migration.

The revised list becomes effective from 01 Jul, with the list formally removing **ANZSCO Code 251511 Hospital Pharmacist** and **251513 Retail Pharmacist**.

Several pharmacy organisations were consulted about the change, which has been made independently by the government.

The decision does not affect overseas born permanent residents of Australia, according to the Australian Pharmacy Council which revealed the move late yesterday.

The Pharmacy Guild welcomed the decision, with a spokesman saying it "reflects the pharmacy workforce reality in many parts of Australia".

According to the Guild submission to the SOL review, which covered retail pharmacists, there is not a general undersupply of pharmacists but rather "a misdistribution between metropolitan and regional Australia".

The Guild cited internal

modelling which suggests there is already an oversupply of more than 2,200 pharmacists - with this figure anticipated to reach 3,782 or almost 15% of registered pharmacists by 2015.

"The Guild believes that the current system is not adequately designed or resourced to adequately support rural and remote intern pharmacy placements due to the limited targeted financial support for undergraduates and lack of support to internships," the submission says.

And Australian College of Pharmacy Trent Twomey said the removal of pharmacy from the skilled occupations list is a win for young pharmacists.

However, putting it succinctly, "if young pharmacists want our profession to remain off the SOL they need to get off their bums and get out of the capital cities," Twomey added.

## ARGPM updated

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration has updated the former Australian Regulatory Guidelines for Prescription Medicines (ARGPM), which now consist of a series of web pages.

The information includes details of the Streamlined Submission Process for registration of prescription medicines, mandatory requirements for an effective application, completing the pre-submission planning form and the Common Technical Document - see [tga.gov.au/industry/pm-argpm.htm](http://tga.gov.au/industry/pm-argpm.htm)

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## Three pages today

**TODAY'S** issue of *Pharmacy Daily* has three pages including a full page of photos from last weekend's CPExpo which took place at Sydney's Hordern Pavilion.

Pharmacists and suppliers gathered for an intensive three days of education - see **page three**.

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## Guild Update

### Sale of Pharmacy

If you are considering buying or selling a pharmacy business, you should take some time to investigate the regulations around transfer of business under the Fair Work Act 2009. It's important you are aware of your obligations around employee entitlements.

#### What happens to employment records on a transfer of business?

- The old employer is required to transfer the employment record for each transferring employee when the transfer of assets occurs.
- If the transferring employee becomes an employee of the new employer after the transfer, the new employer must ask the old employer to provide them with the employee's records.
- The old employer must give the records to the new employer.

• These records are then required to be retained in line with the record keeping obligations under the Fair Work Act 2009.

To find out more [click here](#)



The Pharmacy Guild of Australia

## APC names new members

THE Australian Pharmacy Council has announced the names of the new appointees to its Accreditation and Examining Committees, after receiving a very strong response when nominations were sought earlier this year for academic members and two newly created positions of early career pharmacist and statistician/psychometrician.

Teresa DiFranco and Yelitte Ho

### UNE PSOTY winner

**CALLAN** Beesley from the University of New England was named the NSW Pharmacy Student of the Year, during last weekend's PSA Clinical and Practice Expo.

It was the first time a UNE pharmacy student had entered the competition, and Beesley beat strong competition from Andrew Allchin from the University of Sydney, Gemma Cortney from the University of Newcastle, Seray Goktekn from Charles Sturt University - as well as Rachelle Cutler from the University of Technology Sydney which was also a first-time participant.

are the two new Early Career Pharmacist members of the Examining Committee, while Dr Curtis Lee is the new statistician member.

DiFranco did her pharmacy training at the University of WA and is active within the PSA, while Ho undertook his studies at the University of Canberra and has been involved with the ACT Health IMPACT program as the sole representative of ACT pharmacists.

The new members of the Accreditation committee include Professor Rhonda Clifford from the University of Western Australia; Dr Rohan Rasiah, Associate Professor in Pharmacy at the University of Newcastle; Dr Erica Sainsbury from the University of Sydney Department of Pharmacy; and Professor Peter Stewart, Professor of Pharmaceutics and Deputy Dean in the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science at Monash University, who will retire this year.

The APC has also confirmed the reappointment of John Low and John Jackson to the APC Council.

## Friday's PD winners

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kymmy Hinton from Terry White Chemist Carindale, and Lana Sandic of Coolalinga Better Health Pharmacy, who were the lucky winners of a Nutri-Synergy prize pack in last Fri's *Pharmacy Daily*.



### DISPENSARY CORNER

**FIRST** aid had to be urgently administered at a restaurant in Serbia last Friday after a disgruntled patron bit off part of a waiter's finger.

Not because there wasn't enough meat on the menu - unfortunately the hapless waiter appears to have come between the Australian tourist and a drink.

Apparently the 26-year-old Aussie, identified in reports only by the initials S.M., entered a cafe in the northern town of Novi Sad with his own bottle of liquor.

A police statement alleges the man attacked the waiter after he asked him to put the booze away.

**THIS** dish certainly has all of the important food groups.

The home ground of the Battle Creek Bombers, a minor league baseball team from Michigan in the USA, has attracted worldwide attention for one of its signature meal items.

It's a full meal in one - including dessert - combining the normally savoury flavours of a hot dog with something a little sweeter.

The so-called Twinkle Dog involves a frankfurter being stuffed into a pastry treat called a Twinkie, along with the customary ketchup and mustard.

The whole lot is then topped off with whipped cream plus hundreds and thousands (below) - complete with a maraschino cherry on top.



## DESIGNER BRANDS EYE PRODUCTS UP FOR GRABS



Congratulations to **Katy Duldig** from **The Pharmacy Guild of Australia**, who is yesterday's lucky winner of the pack.

Every day this week, *Pharmacy Daily* is giving one lucky reader the chance to win a **Designer Brands Eye** prize pack (pictured left), valued at \$35.97 each.

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## Clinical and Practice Expo sees strong response

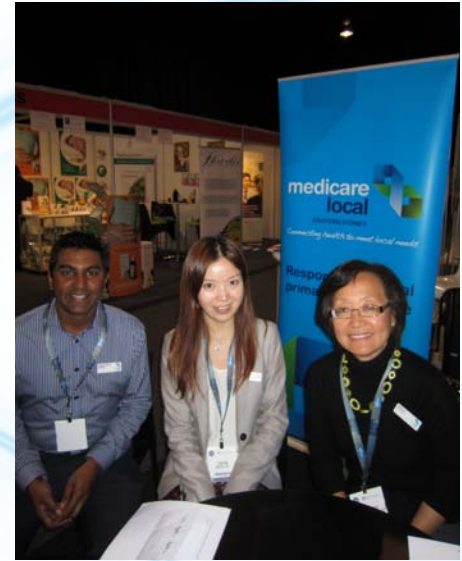
**THE** Pharmaceutical Society of Australia hosted its 2013 CPExpo at Sydney's Hordern Pavillion over the weekend, with pharmacists and suppliers gathering from across the country to attend.

Educational session highlights included presentations on Professional Practice, Primary Care, Cardiovascular Health Awareness, Diet for Life, Skin Care as well as Mental Health, Women's Health, Aged Care and Advanced Clinical Pharmacy, with most of the sessions totally sold out.

**Pharmacy Daily** attended the festivities on Friday and took these exclusive photos, with lots more for viewing on our website [www.pharmacydaily.com.au](http://www.pharmacydaily.com.au) and at [facebook.com/pharmacydaily](https://facebook.com/pharmacydaily).



**LEFT:** All smiles from some of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia team: Jo Hoggins, PSWA; Jessica Mehegan, PSA NSW; Danielle Tukuniu, PSA NSW; Jocelyn Sisson, PSWA; and Ray Henley-Calvert, PSA ACT.

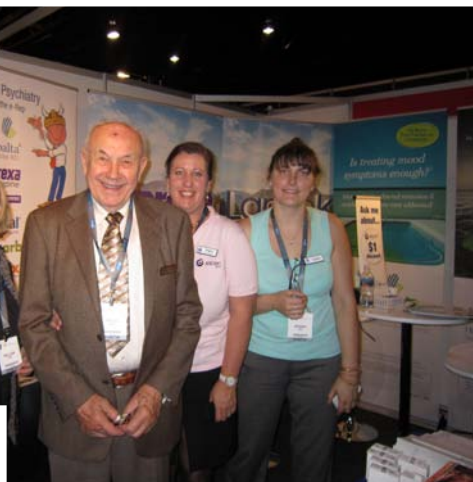


**ABOVE:** Christopher Daniel, Lydia Shum and Brigitte Cusack from Medicare Local.



**LEFT:** Pharmacists who flew all the way from Qld to attend the CPExpo: Amie Lloyd-Jones and Katie McLeod from Coral Coast Pharmacies.

**RIGHT:** Fiona Lucas and Jo-Anne Angelides of Hydralyte.



**ABOVE:** Some of the Aspen Australia team at the expo: Sophie Barwick, Angela Coster, Mirek Tuma and Michelle Quinn.

**LEFT:** Melissa Sarkis and Philip Glanville from Bayer.

**RIGHT:** Scott Armstrong and Kerrie Austin of Pfizer Australia, lit up by Lyrica.

