

Preceptor update

THE Pharmacy Board of Australia will not introduce a new requirement for accredited pharmacy preceptor training from 01 Jul, with a communiqué from the Board's latest meeting saying it now plans a consultation on the issue as part of its review of the Supervised practice arrangements registration standard.

The Board update also includes information on conditions on Recency of Practice, and how pharmacists can satisfy this requirement which applies to pharmacists who have not practised pharmacy for more than 450 hours in the previous 3 years.

There are also new AHPRA guidelines on complaints, and a *Guide for practitioners* comprising information sheets to explain what happens when the Agency receives a notification - see ahpra.gov.au.

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MediSecure joins NPDR

THE MediSecure prescription exchange has signed a commercial agreement with the National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA) to integrate with the National Prescribing and Dispense repository (NPDR).

The NPDR is a key repository in the national eHealth infrastructure and will store medications information including prescription and dispensing data for consenting Personally Controlled e-Health Record (PCEHR) registered patients.

"MediSecure has identified the current obstacles to collection of a patients' medicines information at each point of care as an impediment to better health outcomes," said MediSecure ceo Phillip Shepherd.

"MediSecure is able to handle the data collection issue technically and through the existing MediSecure Electronic Transfer of Prescriptions presence on the majority of medical practitioner's desktops, MediSecure can securely encrypt and transfer patient's medications information along with the crucial patient consent", he added.

MediSecure has had the technology and infrastructure to handle Australian Standards based secure medicines messaged since 2009, and the NPDR has been designed to populate the medicines information into the consumer's PCEHR.

"The next step is to have full engagement from all clinical and dispense software vendors so that over time prescriptions and dispensing information for

consenting consumers can be captured and placed in the NPDR and the consumer's PCEHR.

"A comprehensive medicines record will lead to better clinical decision making at the point of care and improved consumer health outcomes," Shepherd said.

MMR CPD success

PFIZER Australia says that more than a thousand pharmacists have already boosted their knowledge by completing a CPD module sponsored by the company specifically for accredited pharmacists performing Medication Management Reviews.

The 'Multiple morbidities: How pharmacists can make a difference through medication reviews' online learning module is also now available online on the PSA website, giving direct access to the training for PSA members.

It's also available on both the Guild Pharmacy Academy's *myCPD* and Australian College of Pharmacy's websites (*PD* yesterday).

Dr Kannan Subramaniam, Medical Director, Pfizer Established Products said: "At Pfizer, we apply science and our global resources to improve health and well-being.

"Since 2006 Pfizer has been supporting accredited pharmacists and will continue this commitment as a Platinum Sponsor of AACP."

The module attracts three Group 2 CPD credits and received APC accreditation via the Australian College of Pharmacy.

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5-8 July: Australian College of Pharmacy's Conference and Exhibition, Brisbane - see www.acp.edu.au.

24th July: eHealth for Pharmacists, Sydney North Shore and Beaches Medicare Local, contact Lydia Shum on (02) 9432 8215

10-14 Aug: Medici Capital Pharmacy Snow Business 2013, Mt Buller Vic - more info at www.medici.com.au.

04-07 Sep: Navigating the Future - Pharmacy 2013: The Pharmacy Management Conference; Sheraton Mirage, Port Douglas; More details at: pharmacyconference.com.au.

17-19 Sep: Pharmaceutical Law Summit, Melbourne, for more details visit www.aventedge.com.

19-22 Sep: Medicines Management 2013, the 39th SHPA National Conference, Cairns Convention Centre - www.mm2013shpa.com.

20-22 Sep: Pharmacy Business Network, Canberra; see pharmacybusinessnetwork.com.

11-13 Oct: Pharmacy Australia Congress in Brisbane - details www.psa.org.au/pac.

14-16 Oct: Global Drug Safety Conference and Exposition, Brisbane - for more details email qldadmin@psa.org.au.

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MA lifts transparency

MEDICINES Australia (MA) this morning released the first report on Advisory Boards, detailing payments to these groups of health professionals which give advice to pharmaceutical companies about their products (**PD** breaking news).

MA ceo Brendan Shaw said the move was the latest stage in expanding industry transparency as detailed in the latest MA Code of Conduct, with further reports on payments to healthcare professional consultants and health consumer organisations due early in 2014.

"The new provisions in Edition 17 of the Code are a major step towards greater transparency, providing greater confidence that interactions between healthcare professionals and companies are appropriate," he said.

Details are accessible at www.medicinesaustralia.com.au

FDA hits 9,600 sites

THE US Food and Drug Administration has this week taken action against almost 10,000 websites which "illegally sell potentially dangerous, unapproved prescription medicines".

According to an FDA statement the action included seizure of offending websites and more than \$41 million worth of illegal medicines across the globe.

It was part of the sixth annual International Internet Week of Action (IIWA), which is a global cooperative effort to combat the online sale and distribution of potentially counterfeit and illegal medical products.

This week's excitingly named "Operation Pangea VI" included the shutting down of 1,677 illegal pharmacy websites by the FDA, many of which appeared to be operating as part of an organised criminal network which falsely purported its websites to be "Canadian Pharmacies," claiming their products were "brand name" and "FDA approved".

As well as illegal medicines, risks posed by the sites included credit card fraud, identity theft and computer viruses, the FDA said.

New CM pharmacy resources

A RANGE of new resources have become available to Australian pharmacy pharmacists, to assist them in managing potential interactions between prescription and complementary medicines their patients may be taking.

An initiative of the Blackmores Institute, the practical tools, which include a CM interactions guide and free CPD modules, aim to support pharmacists in advising patients on concomitant medicine use.

With two in three Australians using complementary medicines, it is vital that pharmacists' knowledge meet the needs of their customers, according to Blackmores Institute Director of Education, Pam Stone.

"Consumer demand for CMs continues to rise, with pharmacy being a primary point of access.

"However recent research confirms that pharmacists often lack knowledge about the suitability of various CM and prescribed medication combined use," Stone said.

"This CM interaction guide offers an evidence-based reference in an easy to use format which a pharmacist can use to help advise patients on their medicine use."

In addition, Blackmores Institute is now providing free accredited education programs to GPs and pharmacists with the first in a series of CM education modules launched in recent months.

A CM interactions guide is now available in hard copy and online at www.blackmoresinstitute.org.

And Blackmores is one of the providers of the complimentary CPD short courses now available through the Australian College of Pharmacy (**PD** yesterday), with three group 2 credits available for completion of the *Drug Influences on Nutrient Levels* online seminar.

Nature's Own Bear

NATURE'S Own has launched a major new partnership with adventurer, survival expert, author and TV celebrity Bear Grylls.

Under the arrangement Grylls will appear in TV, outdoor, print and in-pharmacy advertising, taking on a new challenge: "can he replace Nature's Own products with nature alone".

The new partnership will coincide with new Nature's Own packaging, with TV ads to air from this Sun.

Paper scripts needed

ADVICE from the Victorian Department of Health has pointed out that a photographic image of a prescription does not form the basis for a lawful supply of a prescription, and the physical copy of the script ultimately needs to be supplied to authorise dispensing.

The department was responding to a report on the new "Send a Script" pharmacy smartphone application (**PD** 07 Jun).

Chris Falcke, Senior Drugs and Poisons Officer told **PD**: "Whilst electronic transmission of prescriptions will be a future development, regulation 15 of the Drugs Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2006 currently prohibits a pharmacist from supplying Schedule 4 and Schedule 8 poisons other than on an original prescription."



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GENDER confusion...

A 37-year-old woman from Georgia in the USA whose birth certificate mistakenly labeled her as male had to jump through some major hoops to get her driver's license renewed.

Nakia Grimes said she had never really had occasion to look closely at her birth certificate, so she never noticed the mistake.

"You only look at the name, the date and the year," Grimes told the Fox 5 local TV station.

However a woman working at Georgia's Department of Driver Services did notice, and came to Grimes with an unusual request.

"She said I needed to go have a Pap exam, have a doctor write a note verifying you're a woman and bring it back notarized,"

That was something Grimes said she was unwilling to do.

The matter was cleared up once state authorities examined the birth certificate of Grimes' son.

Fortunately the document listed Grimes as the mother, which cleared up any confusion about whether or not she was really female.

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