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## AusTender updates

THE AusTender call for tenders to supply a Therapeutic Goods Assessment and Advisory Services Panel has been updated with details on the number of contracts to be undertaken and indexing of payments to members.

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MEANWHILE AusTender is also calling for tenders for the provision of services to assist in implementing a national aged care quality indicator program.

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## Guild: unity on 6CPA

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia has said in the lead up to the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement (6CPA) negotiations that there is a unity of purpose in pharmacy.

Writing in *forefront*, Guild executive director David Quilty said the pharmacy sector needed

### Guild on OxyContin

PHARMACY Guild of Australia NSW branch vice president Denis Leahy has said in *forefront* that the figures provided by the Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre that showed a reduction in visits for Oxycontin injections per week (PD 16 Jul) were grounds for cautious optimism but that it was too early to tell what the overall impact would be.

"It is certainly a dramatic drop, but we need to wait and see some more data on across-the-board needle exchange figures, preferably comparing this June with last June, so that we know what impact the Oxycontin change is having on total use."

To read more, [CLICK HERE](#).

### Pharmacy in JuLEYE

AS THE first port of call for many minor ailments, pharmacists are being called upon by the Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists Eye Foundation to address patient eye problems during the month of JuLEYE.

Ophthalmologist and JuLEYE supporter Dr Caroline Catt has put together an overview of the conditions commonly seen in pharmacies and some tips and questions that the pharmacist might ask the customer to guide in diagnosis, treatment and referral.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the guide.

to demonstrate to the Federal Government that investing in medication management was a cost-effective way to deliver better health outcomes and save more money across the health system.

"There is overwhelming evidence that pharmacist-led interventions following hospital discharge significantly reduce adverse medicine events and readmissions.

"Yet, we do not have a coordinated or funded medicine reconciliation process in Australia for patients leaving either public or private hospitals."

Quilty said the Guild and the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) were working closely together to prepare a "compelling case to take to government, and that its approach was in line with the objectives of other pharmacy organisations including Professional Pharmacists Australia (PPA).

PSA national president Grant Kardachi said it had long advocated for a collaborative approach to negotiations while looking for further opportunities for the profession.

Medication management was a key tenet of the Quality Use of Medicines and so investment in this area was critical, he said.

A PPA spokesperson said the organisation supported what the Guild was calling for.

### Pain is ageless theme

NEXT week is National Pain Week 21 to 27 Jul 2014 with the theme of 'Pain is Ageless'.

Chronic pain affects one in three Australians or around 8m people, according to Chronic Pain Australia which runs the event.

For more information, visit [www.nationalpainweek.org.au](http://www.nationalpainweek.org.au).

## Clozapine changes

CHANGES to the prescribing and supply of clozapine and HIV antiretroviral therapy will apply from July 2015 or in roughly a year's time (PD 16 Jul).

From July next year, community pharmacies will be able to dispense these medicines as a streamlined authority, regardless of where they were prescribed; for clozapine this would be for maintenance therapy only, the Society of Hospital Pharmacists said.

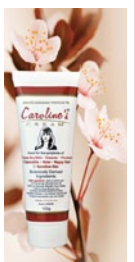
## Vit D CRC protective

VITAMIN D deficiency has been associated with predictive poor outcomes in a new study published in *The Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

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## FDA trailing EMA

DESPITE the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) making strides in incentivising companies to develop antimicrobial therapies, GlobalData market research firm has said it believes the agency needs to continue taking proactive action if it is to keep pace with progressive regulatory bodies in the EU, particularly the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

Marc C. Hansel, GlobalData's analyst covering infectious diseases, said a number of unmet needs remain within the bacterial infectious diseases area, with novel treatments for multidrug-resistant gram-negative bacteria in particularly high demand.

Hansel said the EMA had shown superior willingness to reform clinical trial design for novel antibiotics and provide guidance that prioritises clinical feasibility.

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## Report backs real-time call

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has said recent research backs its call for a real time drug monitoring system.

PSA NSW president Dr Stephen Carter has backed deputy state coroner Carmel Forbes' call for urgent implementation of real time prescription reporting for all benzodiazepines (PD 07 Jul) and said recent research published in the *Journal of Clinical Pharmacology* found that between 1992 and 2012, opioid dispensing

increased from 500,000 to 7.5m with a cost to the Australian government increased from \$8.5m to \$271m.

Opioid related hospitalisations increased from 605 to 1,464 cases from 1998 to 2009 and deaths due to accidental poisoning from pharmaceutical opioids and illicit substances combined rose from 151 to 266 from 2002 to 2011.

“The NSW Government must immediately allocate funds for this project and begin its implementation as a Statewide health priority.”

A Federal Department of Health spokeswoman said the government had funded the Electronic Recording and Reporting of Controlled Drugs (ERRCD) system which was installed on a secure host server and was operational, waiting for each state and territory to start using it.

“The ERRCD system has been handed over to states and territories for their use via complimentary software licence agreements.”

Recently all states and territories were urged to take up the ERRCD and requested to advise of their progress, the spokeswoman said.

**CLICK HERE** to read the research.

## 1 in 10 have asthma

THE Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has released a snapshot of the latest statistics on asthma in the country, showing one in 10 Australians suffer from asthma, or more than two million people.

Less than a quarter, or 24% of people with asthma had a written action plan, with children up to 14 years old most likely to have one.

The snapshot said \$655m was spent on asthma in 2008-09, 0.9% of all direct health expenditure on diseases, with 38,681 hospitalisations in 2011-12 where asthma was the principal diagnosis, 0.4% of all hospitalisations.

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What the publication has dubbed a 'James Bond-style' drug could be developed from these worms, to treat alcoholics and, obviously, in the service of Her Majesty, the research, published in the *Journal of Neuroscience*, posits.

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Apparently, no nation claims the land between Egypt and Sudan, so Jeremiah Heaton planted a flag designed by his children, crowning himself king of the Kingdom of North Sudan, as he calls it, reported the *Bristol Herald Courier*.

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