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Sensaslim proceeding

THE Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has begun criminal proceedings against Michael Boyle for allegedly providing false or misleading evidence in the investigation into Sensaslim Australia Pty Ltd.

The ACCC alleges that Boyle knowingly gave false or misleading evidence about his knowledge of Peter Foster's involvement in Sensaslim at his examination pursuant to a section 155 notice.

Foster was sentenced to three years in prison for contempt of court in 2013 (PD 28 Oct 13).

The Federal Court ruled in April that Sensaslim had engaged in misleading or deceptive conduct by failing to disclose Foster's involvement in its franchise system's disclosure document (PD 10 Apr).

The ACCC said Boyle had not entered a plea at time of writing.

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\$2,500 scholarships

THE committee of Pharmacy Cricket has two \$2,500 scholarships for students studying at pharmacy schools or universities in Australia.

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Unapproved pharm targeted

THE Federal Government is targeting pharmacies dispensing Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) medicines from unapproved premises by adding a condition to the National Health Determination.

The proposed condition would emphasise the importance of making a correct claim, stating that an approved pharmacist must not make a claim for payment for the supply of a pharmaceutical benefit unless it was supplied at or from the pharmacist's approved premises, the Department of Health said.

The condition would also state that a claim must not be made if the benefit was never at the approved premises or was never dispensed at the approved premises, it said.

Any contravention would be deemed an abuse of approval and an investigation by a Committee of Inquiry could lead to suspension or revocation of approval, the Department said.

Health Minister Peter Dutton said in a statement that the government was moving to support pharmacists from being undermined by the practice, which had occurred in a "small number of instances".

The statement said pharmacists who failed to comply with condition could also face criminal prosecution or be made to repay the funds.

Government had been working with industry stakeholders to educate pharmacists of the Act's obligation, it said.

Dutton said it had become necessary to emphasise these obligations by including them in the conditions of approval for approved pharmacists to better reflect the intention of the Act.

The Pharmacy Council of NSW said it expected pharmacists to comply with all relevant legislation with respect to practice and premises, a media spokesperson said.

Consultation on the proposition closes on 15 Oct.

For more, [CLICK HERE](#).

Tas health paper

THE Tasmanian government has released its Health Issues Paper (PD 06 Aug), which has said shorter waiting times and better care at hospitals would be delivered by improving communication about a patient's discharge to all involved in patient care, including pharmacy.

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Pharmacy Direct sold

TERRY White Chemists Group (TWC Group) has signed an agreement with Sydney Drug Stores Pty Ltd (SDS) to sell its Pharmacy Direct brand assets for \$2.75m.

In 2006, Pharmacy Direct was bought by a Coles subsidiary for \$48m and sold in 2009 to RX Direct Pty Ltd, the *Courier Mail* reported.

SDS was owned by RX Direct Pty Ltd, TWC Group said.

TWC Group bought the Pharmacy Direct brand from SDS in 2010 for \$4.2m, according to financial reports, entering into a franchise agreement with SDS to continue the pharmacy business.

ASIC records show the director of RX Direct as Gary Hand, who was formerly a director of TWC Group, and shareholders include Terence White and Rhonda White.

TWC Group said the company was owned by seven pharmacists and most were members of the original TWC advisory board.

Members of the board were the founding directors of TWC Group Investments and most remained members of the current board, it said.



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As a result of the sale an unaudited impairment write-down of \$4.4m was expected, which would see a loss after tax in the company's full year results to June, the Group said.

The brand and online infrastructure had become surplus to its needs, it said.

Ceo Anthony White said the Group had since made "aggressive investment" in its retail capabilities, specifically in marketing, merchandise and IT systems.

The company said SDS would decide how it intended to use the brand, infrastructure and what staffing requirements would be.

FIP elects SAPS pres

SYDNEY pharmacist academic Associate Professor Tim Chen was elected president of the Social and Administrative Pharmacy Section (SAPS) of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) for a four year term.

In the role, he joins fellow Australians Paul Sinclair, the Pharmacy Guild NSW branch president, and academic Associate Professor Parisa Aslani on FIP's Board for Pharmaceutical Practice.

Phcy actions repay

CLINICAL pharmacists' interventions in the hospital setting have been shown to provide cost savings, according to a review paper published in the *International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy*.

Of the 20 studies deemed worthy of inclusion in the review, only three (15%) were classified under strict criteria as "good-quality" studies, said the authors.

No novel approaches were identified in the review and the standard of published papers "has stagnated or even deteriorated" compared with those of previous reviews, they wrote.

To read the review in full, **CLICK HERE**.

Untested drug harm

AN ARTICLE published in the *MJA* has said psychoactive drugs should be redefined as primarily a health and social phenomenon, so governments will start funding health and social interventions properly.

The article said banning new substances was "expensive and ultimately futile" and that it was time to focus on reducing the harm they caused, the article said.

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DISPENSARY CORNER

ACTION films can make you fat, according to new US research which has examined the links between obesity and TV viewing.

Scientists from Cornell University found that people ate many more snacks during action films when compared with other movie genres.

They gave students bowls of chocolate, biscuits, carrots and grapes and found they consumed the most junk food while watching action flick *The Island*.

THE economic crisis in Venezuela is starting to have major impacts on even basic necessities - such as breast enhancement operations.

According to a spokesperson for the country's Society of Plastic Surgeons, "the women are complaining" because they no longer have easy access to breast implants approved by the US FDA.

Strict currency controls mean that importers are finding it very difficult to bring in the quality devices, and are turning to implants made in China.

Beauty-obsessed Venezuelans are understood to have one of the highest rates of cosmetic surgery in the world, with more than 85,000 boob jobs performed in just the last 12 months.

HEALTH professionals in the UK had to react quickly to a medical emergency this week, after an underwear-obsessed canine ate a pair of its owner's knickers.

47 year old Kaye Banks became concerned after her four year old Samoyed dog went off its food.

She took the animal to the vet where a quick investigation found its alimentary canal was blocked by a silk thong.

After a two hour operation, the offending article was removed - but after recuperation and returning home, the dog apparently raided the washing basket again and gobbled down another pair of undies which necessitated another emergency visit to the vet.