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Guardian tops satisfaction

GUARDIAN has again taken out the Roy Morgan Research monthly Customer Satisfaction Awards for November 2014 with a 91% customer satisfaction rating.

With a survey sample size of 8,198 people, Chemist Warehouse came in second at 90% of customers being very or fairly satisfied with the store, and Chemmart Pharmacy was third, followed by Soul Pattinson and My Chemist.

Guardian was Pharmacy of the Month for customer satisfaction in October but Chemist Warehouse, took out the September award with a 90% satisfaction rate (PD 03 Nov).

Guardian took out the top spot in August and July but lost the top spot in June to Chemmart Pharmacy.

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MA: int decisions for breakthrough

MEDICINES Australia (MA) has recommended that evaluation processes for medicines and medical devices be extended to allow the adoption of international decisions by trusted overseas regulators, where the overseas decision resulted in faster access to breakthrough treatments.

In its submission to the Expert Review of Medicines and Medical Devices Regulation, the organisation said Australia should retain the ability to make sovereign decisions on marketing authorisations and that the country required the capacity to complete pre-marketing processes for medicines registration.

MA said the option for the Therapeutic Goods Administration to endorse applications based on overseas approval would be most beneficial for products which had undergone expedited review.

For medicines that sought

registration in Australia, adoption of such decisions by Australian regulators would reduce duplication and costs, and facilitate expedited access to new medicines, MA said.

Adoption of international decisions would be a supplement, not a replacement, of Australia's regulatory processes, MA said, as forfeiting the capacity for local decisions would have "immediate and obvious" consequences for companies not intending to apply in overseas jurisdictions.

Its submission also recommended optimising work sharing activities, the creation of multiple approval pathways including fast-tracking and breakthrough medicines, and delivering on ICT capabilities.

The Consumers Health Forum has argued to keep decisions onshore (PD 08 Jan).

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Monash signs deals

MONASH University has signed a research collaboration agreement with Janssen-Cilag Pty Ltd, which will focus on developing new medicines to treat autoimmune diseases and disorders.

Janssen funding for the three year project would allow Monash University and Janssen immunology researchers to work together looking at the mechanisms underlying autoimmune diseases for the development of new potential treatments, Monash said.

MEANWHILE Capsugel has bought the intellectual property for the Ionic Liquids Technology, used to improve the solubility of drugs in lipid-based liquid, semi-solid and multiparticulate formulations, developed at the Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, effective immediately.

Capsugel would extend its partnership by funding extra research positions, Monash said.

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CHF looks for new ceo

THE Consumers Health Forum (CHF) has said ceo Adam Stankevicius has resigned for personal reasons.

CHF chairman Tony Lawson said Stankevicius' departure was a loss for the organisation, as he had been an articulate advocate on behalf of consumers.

The board was looking to appoint a new ceo as soon as possible, Lawson said, with the search beginning Monday.

1,200 pharmacies sign up for MedAdvisor

MORE than 1,200 pharmacies have signed up to use MedAdvisor with more than 50,000 patients using its platform, the company has said.

This is up from 1,095 in February (PD 11 Feb 14).

Md Josh Swinnerton said from this month, the company would be working with manufacturers to deliver interactive training around particular medications, among other new features, including a script photo option.

Two Ebola vax tests

THE World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced that two Ebola vaccines appear to be safe and could soon be tested in West Africa.

The organisation said the two vaccines had undergone the first phase of testing with an acceptable safety profile, with the third phase, giving the vaccine to healthy volunteers, about to begin in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Shire, NPS Pharma merger

SHIRE and NPS Pharmaceuticals have announced a merger arrangement through which Shire acquires all outstanding shares of NPS Pharma for a total of \$5.2b.

With NPS Pharma a rare disease focused biopharmaceutical company, the merger strengthened Shire's focus on rare diseases, the company said, with Shire expecting the acquisition to be accretive to earnings per share from 2016 onward.

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Guild Update

Judges out and about

THE Quality Care Pharmacy Program Pharmacy of the Year competition has become the undisputed benchmark for recognising excellence in our constantly evolving industry.

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia is proud to conduct this competition as it aims to showcase highly motivated, innovative and adaptable pharmacy businesses that reinforce the value of community pharmacy.

This week marks the beginning of the judging of the shortlisted pharmacies. Each year winners are selected for three categories:

- excellence in business management,
- excellence in community engagement, and
- innovation in professional services.

The overall Pharmacy of the Year winner is selected from these category winners, for demonstrating success across all three areas.

The presentation of the awards will be held at the APP Conference on Thursday 12 March, and as in past years this session promises to be one of the highlights of the event.

All APC exams comp-based

THE Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) has said from March, it will have moved the last of its exams to be computer-based.

The Knowledge Assessment of Pharmaceutical Sciences (KAPS) exam was the last of its four written exams to be moved to electronic testing, APC said, with the process beginning in 2010.

"Delivering examinations via computer has increased the security of examination papers, reduced result processing times and allowed the APC to expand the number of examinations sessions offered to its candidates."

An APC spokesperson said marking by computers was 100% accurate.

APC had increased its Intern Written Examination from six to seven sessions, and the KAPS examination would be available three times annually from this year rather than twice, they said.

"The APC is also investigating moving some of its examinations to on-demand in the future."

National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association president Sam Turner said this was a positive step and graduates who chose to do their internships in rural and regional areas would benefit the most.

"There is still a strong need for pharmacists to work rural, so it is important we can provide as much support as possible for those who choose to work in these locations in what is already a highly demanding internship year."

APC said it had also launched a number of online tutorials, including sample KAPS questions. **CLICK HERE** to access them.

Antibiotic resistance still on the agenda

NPS MedicineWise has reminded healthcare professionals that in spite of the development of the antibiotic teixobactin (*PD* 13 Jan) the matter of antibiotic resistance is still serious and urgent.

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WIN A MOOGOO MUM AND BABY PAIL HAMPER

We're on the search for *Pharmacy Daily* readers' chubby cheeked babies!



We've got five **MooGoo** mum and baby pail hampers to give away to our five favourite chubby cheeks.

Each prize pack is valued at \$84.60 and contains: Natural SPF 40 Sunscreen, Mini Moo Natural Bubble Wash, Anti-Ageing Face Cream, Lip Balm SPF and a calf soft toy.

If you think you know the chubbiest baby out, email your photo by **COB** this Friday to: comp@pharmacydaily.com.au.

DISPENSARY CORNER

SALES stamen-a.

If you're looking to hold a charity fundraising effort in your pharmacy, you may want to take a look at seven year old Sebastien's efforts.

The Auckland boy is raising money for a trip to Romania by selling a giant ball of pohutukawa stamens, *stuff.co.nz* reported.

The spheroid is apparently 20 cm wide and 450 gm heavy, and is currently sitting at NZ\$89.



On the auction's page, Sebastien says he's saving up to see his grandparents and in response to a question 'Is it possible that it will roll down hill, pick up speed and take out my neighbours? Fingers crossed' Sebastien said 'It might roll down a hill but it is soft so it won't take out your neighbours.' **CLICK HERE** to view the auction.

AND the photobomb winner is... Something to try at the next set of pharmacy awards you attend, perhaps, is the infamous photobomb, which seems to have been perfected by English actor Benedict Cumberbatch.

The actor of Smaug, Sherlock and probably other productions beginning with 'S' managed to almost top his Oscar effort of photobombing U2 by doing the same to Meryl Streep at this year's Golden Globes, the *Telegraph* reported.

You can check out the video for jumping techniques **HERE**.

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