



Today's issue of PD

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- Pharmacy Alliance

Epic's Reid in ABN Hall of Fame

CATHIE Reid, managing partner of Epic Pharmacy, has been named in the Australian Businesswomen's Network (ABN) 2015 Hall of Fame.

The ABN Hall of Fame launches today in the lead up to International Women's Day to honour Australian exemplary female business owners.

Epic Pharmacy, formerly APHS (*PD* 10 Sep 14), accepted an ownership offer from Icon Consolidated Holdings in December last year (*PD* 02 Dec 14).

Inductees were chosen by the ABN, with Reid selected due to her being a "leader in her field" and based on her achievements, a spokesperson said.

There were no other pharmacy inductees.

New compounding guidelines

THE Pharmacy Board of Australia (PBA) has released new compounding guidelines prior to their taking effect on 28 Apr.

They replace Guideline Five from the 'Guidelines for dispensing medicines', published separately, and were released for public consultation last year (*PD* 29 Apr 14).

The guidelines introduce and define 'complex compounding', or compounding medicines of a more complex nature such as sterile preparations and preparations containing ingredients that pose an occupational health and safety hazard.

New PBS listing for schizophrenia

ABILIFY Maintena (aripiprazole) has now been listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), indicated for maintenance of clinical improvement in the treatment of schizophrenia.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more.

The guidelines had been released prior to the date of effect in order for pharmacists to become familiar with their content, the PBA said.

Other documents released include a background on regulation of compounding and the professional practice profile for pharmacists undertaking complex compounding, which could be individualised, the PBA said.

The TGA was in the final stages of consultation about compounding regulations and the PBA would look at its guidelines again once this was published.

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

Expectorants update

AMBROXOL and bromhexine expectorants in the European Union are to have their safety information updated in their product information to reflect the small risk of severe allergy and skin reactions.

The recommendations came from the Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (PRAC).

The TGA said it was aware of the EU recommendation and would review the information to decide whether any action was required in Australia.

Ambroxol was not currently available here, it said.

[CLICK HERE](#) for details.

PBS website update

EX-MANUFACTURER prices as of 01 Mar have been confirmed on the PBS website.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

GSK, Novartis seal deal

NOVARTIS and GSK have completed transactions including sale of Novartis' non-influenza vaccines business and its purchase of GSK's oncology portfolio (*PD* 23 Apr 14), following ACCC notice it would not oppose this (*PD* 23 Feb).

APP 2015 Probiotic Clinical Bites Session

Staying healthy: probiotics for gastrointestinal and respiratory illnesses

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH
3.30PM – 4PM

Dr West's presentation will focus on clinical trial research on probiotic supplements shown to reduce antibiotic associated and infection related diarrhoea in susceptible groups.

In addition, trials will be presented on how probiotics have shown to significantly reduce the risk of the common cold in healthy active individuals over winter.

The presentation is aimed at a commercial and scientific audience.

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Guild Update

Road to APP Conference 2015: Primary Health Care Summit

What's the future of sustainable professional services outside of the Community Pharmacy Agreement? How do health professionals deliver services in their pharmacy? And how can you broaden your revenue base?

To address these kinds of questions, the Pharmacy Guild will be hosting the very first Primary Health Care Summit: Innovation in Primary Health Care – The Pharmacy Perceptive at APP next week.

Attendees will have an opportunity to talk about the future of pharmacy, and listen to practical ideas from industry leaders.

Here are just a few other reasons on why you should go:

- Participate in real-time interactive discussion through tablet or smartphone.
- Engage with the Guild's new Community Health Solutions team and explore the future sustainability of professional services outside of the Community Pharmacy Agreement.
- Come and hear more about the Pharmacy of the Future Toolkit, a partnership between Telstra Health and the Guild.

The Primary Health Care Summit kicks off on Sunday 15 March 2015 at gam.

Tweet about it: #PhcyHealth #APP2015.

TGA lens warning

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has said health professionals should be alert to the risk of Acanthamoeba keratitis and its association with contact lens use.

While the organisation has only received two reports in four years to November and four reports of keratitis, in order to more clearly establish the rate and pattern of occurrence of the infection with lens products, the TGA was encouraging reporting of incidence.

MEANWHILE the TGA said it had received 4,337 adverse event reports relating to medical devices in 2014, up 41% from 2013.

Allied health professionals provided 5% of all reports, up 158 from the year prior.

Reports by sponsors hit a "record high" of 3,697 last year, or 85% of all reports, compared with 2,456 in 2013, the TGA said.

CLICK HERE to read the Medical Safety Update.

Skydiving pharmacy



PHARMACY Guild national president George Tambassis (pictured in blue) took his first skydive in Melbourne this week to raise money for the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation.

Supported by a \$10,000 donation from Amneal Pharmaceuticals, the dive also marked the start of a partnership between the Guild and Foundation, the latter of which aimed to improve five year survival rate for brain cancer to 50% by 2023, the Guild said.

This partnership would see the Guild provide promotional assistance including the Be BrainAware campaign in community pharmacies this year.

DISPENSARY CORNER



BE CALM and carry on, or alternatively, just have a heart attack.

Has that impatient patient visited your store again recently?

Your reaction to these frustrations may influence your cardiac health, according to an Australian study published in the *European Heart Journal*.

Episodes of anger or anxiety are associated with increased relative risk for acute coronary occlusion, the authors have concluded.

The study was able to demonstrate up to an 8.5-fold increase in the relative risk of anger triggering a coronary event.

Beta-adrenergic blocking drugs provided the most compelling evidence for protection against such emotional triggers, the authors said.

CLICK HERE for the paper.

DOSEY dugongs.

As an Australian pharmacy, you may have had to deal with unwelcome animal intruders, such as the red-bellied black snake which set up camp in the Schofields Terry White Chemist this year.

However, Florida in the US has its own, slightly less lethal, wildlife problems, such as the 20 manatees who got stuck in a drain last week.

Yes, you read that right - the gentle sea cows apparently head for warmer waters in Satellite Beach's storm drains, *Reuters* reported.

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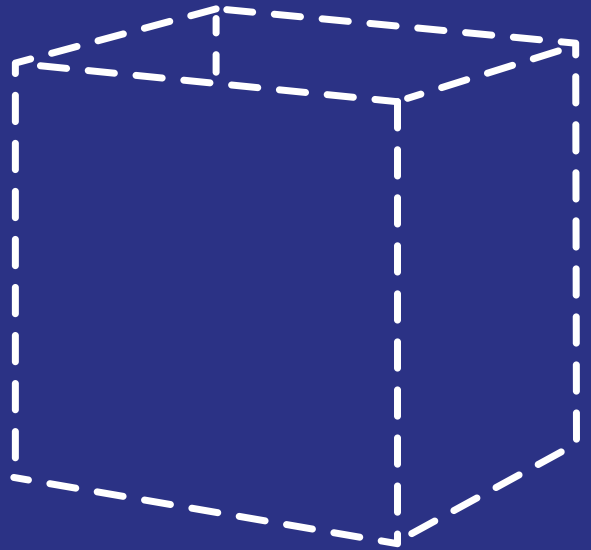
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