

## Today's issue of PD

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## Managing vaccine anaphylaxis in store

**VACCINATION** in pharmacies has been safe, effective and successful in increasing coverage in a number of countries, but pharmacists will need to learn how to manage anaphylactic shock from vaccination, according to researcher Mary Bushell and her Charles Darwin University colleague Professor Patrick Ball.

The researchers have published in the latest issue of the *Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research* with specific training recommendations around screening for risk of anaphylaxis, managing anaphylactic shock and other legal and medical procedures to follow.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the full article.

## FDA nods biosimilar

**THE US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** has approved Zarxio (filgrastim-sndz from Sandoz), the first biosimilar product to be approved in the United States.

The product is biosimilar to Amgen's Neupogen (filgrastim), which was originally licensed in 1991.

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## Labor: make CPA neg public

**MINISTER** for Health Sussan Ley should commit to making the full details of her Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement (6CPA) negotiations public, Shadow Minister for Health Catherine King has said.

Ley said Labor needed to answer "serious questions" about the \$15b Fifth Agreement, following the Australian National Audit Office report which identified "persistent shortcomings in departmental record-keeping" related to the administration of the agreement (**PD 06 Mar**).

Minister Ley said she was "deeply concerned" by the findings, which went to the "core" of the agreement and its management, and would consider the report closely as part of negotiations for the 6CPA, *SMH* reported.

King said given Ley's "strong words", Labor looked forward to the Minister implementing the report's findings, including making details of negotiations public and publishing detailed financial costing of "every aspect" of the Agreement.

King said the report showed the former government made "significant savings" in the 5CPA.

Estimated savings from the 5CPA initiatives were around \$0.4b rather than the \$0.6b estimated in the 2010-11 Budget papers (**PD 06 Mar**).

Australian Greens health spokesperson Dr Richard Di Natale said the report showed a need for a new process of negotiation, calling the agreement "devastatingly

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## PharmacyID - no start up costs

**PHARMACYID** is promoting its national identity service facilitated through pharmacies, which it says has no start up costs.

See **page three** for details.

## Review FDA accelerated approval

**THE Breast Cancer Network Australia** has recommended a review of the US Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Accelerated Approvals Program as a possible model for Australia, to ensure early access to important new cancer drugs.

In its submission to the Senate Standing Committee inquiry on the availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia, the organisation cited the example of the FDA's approval of pertuzumab in six months under the priority program.

[CLICK HERE](#) for submissions.

flawed".

The party called for a public inquiry into the previous negotiation and development of a "new approach."

"We cannot allow the next five-year agreement to be determined by the same process of closed door negotiations between the Department of Health and the Pharmacy Guild.

"Neither the parliament or the community have any reason to place our trust in that process given the findings of the audit."

## Methadone program regulation review call

**AN AMENDMENT** to the Victorian policy for Maintenance Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Dependence has been recommended after an inquest.

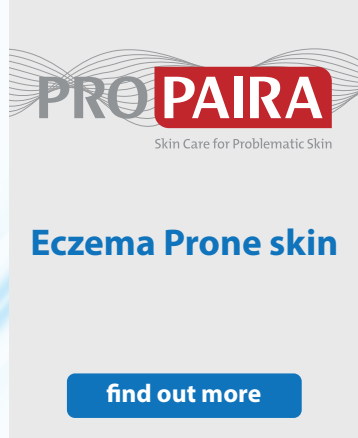
In the Coroner's report for Phillip Black, who died from combined methadone, diazepam, and clonazepam toxicity, Coroner Paresa Spanos recommended the Royal Australasian College of General Practitioners remind its members who prescribed methadone to regularly review the National Clinical Guidelines and Procedures for the use of methadone in the Maintenance Treatment of Opioid Dependence, and that the Maintenance Pharmacotherapy policy be amended to include mandatory compliance with the guidelines by prescribers as well as ongoing training and audit.

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## New 'healthSAVE' branding by Symbion

Symbion has launched a new banner called 'healthSAVE' designed for community pharmacies wanting to ramp up their retail business.

HealthSAVE's offering includes branding and signage solutions and operational assistance.

The LoyaltyOne program is also included as part of membership.

## Guild Update

### 2015 Rural Pharmacy Forum

WITH Australian Pharmacy Professional (APP) conference getting underway on the Gold Coast this week, one of the sessions to watch out for is the 2015 Rural Pharmacy Forum.

The standard of health care for rural and remote areas should be equal to the standards available in metropolitan areas.

Community pharmacy is an essential part of a health care team dedicated to providing valuable primary health services across Australia.

There are a number of ways pharmacy can do more with the right support and working in partnership with the wider health sector. The Rural Pharmacy Forum on Thursday afternoon will provide pharmacists from rural and remote Australia the opportunity to come together to discuss and share information on innovative rural and remote pharmacy practice.

The Guild believes the professional training and knowledge of community pharmacists should be supported to be better utilised in rural, regional and remote areas, where access to other health professionals may be limited.

## SHPA member grants

THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) has announced grant opportunities for its members.

The Fresenius Kabi Cancer Services grant is valued at up to \$5,000 to enable members working in oncology, haematology, stem cell transplantation or palliative care to engage in a preceptorship or attend a conference.

The Pfizer Pharmacy Grant enables a member to attend a relevant conference or undertake a preceptorship.

Details with closing dates are available by [CLICKING HERE](#).

## PPA Facebook 6CPA delay petition

PROFESSIONAL Pharmacists Australia (PPA) has launched a social media driven petition seeking to delay the negotiation of the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement (6CPA) while the government investigates fully the report from the Australian National Audit Office which found "persistent shortcomings" in record-keeping by the Department of Health (PD 06 and 09 Mar).

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Facebook link.

## DUSC: high gliptin use 'concerning'

THE Drug Utilisation Subcommittee (DUSC) has said the apparent high use of a gliptin with metformin in lieu of a sulfonylurea with metformin is "concerning".

Analyses from the October 2012 and February 2013 meetings of the Committee found that 49% of all patients starting on gliptin therapy had not taken metformin and a sulfonylurea in the two year period prior.

This increased to 55% for patients starting on a gliptin and metformin for a fixed dose combination product, the Committee said.

This apparent high use of a gliptin with metformin in lieu of a sulfonylurea with metformin was "concerning."

"Gliptins cost a lot more than sulfonylureas and are not PBS listed as an alternative to those drugs unless there is a contraindication or intolerance.

"The prevalence of true intolerance to sulfonylureas is low.

"Use outside the criteria for subsidisation is occurring more frequently with Fixed Dose Combination products."

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full DUSC report.



## DISPENSARY CORNER

SNIFF out that thyroid.

Dogs are not only illicit drug sniffers but also cancer detectors, apparently.

With an olfactory system that has 10 times the sensitivity of a human's, a trained dog has learnt to use its sense of smell to detect thyroid cancer in patients not yet diagnosed, according to an article in *BBC News*.

The canine thyroid cancer sleuth was successful in 30 out of 34 cases including two patients who would otherwise have been falsely given the all clear, the article said.

The animal detects a subtle change in hormone levels and while the use of dogs would be impractical as a diagnostic tool, mimicking the dog's olfactory system sensitivity may lead to a 'mechanical nose' that can detect these changes, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences researchers told the publication.

Dogs had already been used to detect the presence of lung and bowel cancer or infections, the report said.

COSMETIC ephedrine?

If you noticed anyone buying a whole heap of hair and talcum powder products in your pharmacy recently, mystery solved.

Sydney Airport Australian Customs and Border Protection Service officers seized approximately 10 kgs of ephedrine concealed in cosmetic products on Wednesday.

A 28 year old Vietnamese traveller's baggage held 18 containers of hair and talcum powder products, some of which tested positive for ephedrine, Customs reported.

Maybe his quiff had a whiff of something squiffy, leading to his tiff.

## Win with DESIGNER BRANDS



This week *Pharmacy Daily* and **Designer Brands** are giving readers a prize pack containing a new look Mineral Eye Shadow, Beyond Amplifying Mascara and two Kohl Pencils\*. \*Shade will be chosen at random



Eyes are often the focal point of make-up and Designer Brands' All About Eyes promo celebrates their hottest selling on-trend eye products, a must for every makeup lover. Designer Brands' Beyond Amplifying Mascara has a new formulation with Argan Oil and Lash Food Complex, the company says. The prize pack also includes new look Mineral Eye Shadow, and two Kohl Eye Pencils.

To win, be the first person from QLD to send the correct answer to the following question to: [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au)

**Does Beyond Amplifying Mascara contain a high tech tubing formula?**

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Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Felicia Woong from Pikes Day & Night Pharmacy.

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