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## Hep C treatment in phmcy

**THE** potential of treating hepatitis C in pharmacies, as well as through GPs and nurses, will be discussed at a public hearing in Canberra on 20 Mar.

The Standing Committee on Health has already heard that pharmacy could coordinate care for hepatitis C patients with methadone programs, which St Vincent hospital department of gastroenterology director Professor Alex Thompson said was a "fantastic" idea (*PD* 27 Jan).

In its submission to the Committee, Hepatitis Australia recommended the Federal government allow community-

based prescribing and dispensing of medicines for the treatment of hepatitis C, as it had done for people living with HIV.

Ceo Helen Tyrrell said there was an "unprecedented" opportunity to end the "hepatitis C epidemic" in Australia over the next generation.

This would require listing new treatments on the PBS as quickly as possible, and expanding access points for treatment out of hospital-based liver clinics and into the community, she said.

The 230,000 people living with hepatitis C were best placed to provide advice and help design treatment delivery systems in the new treatment paradigm, she said.

The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services recommended the inquiry consider removing restrictions on highly specialised drugs for hepatitis C so treatment could occur with community-based GPs, and the removal of the public/private dispensing demarcation for hepatitis C and B.

Committee chair Steve Irons said it would pursue the issue of the role for alternative models of care for the disease, including through pharmacies, at the hearing to be held at Parliament House.

[CLICK HERE](#) for submissions.

## Draft competency standards report

**THE** Pharmacy Practitioner Development Committee has said it received a draft final report from the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association for the review of the national competency standards framework for pharmacists (*PD* 20 Jan).

The report detailed the Association's findings regarding the background research, literature review and consultation for the review and gave recommendations on competencies that would reflect both current and likely future practice, the Committee said.

These would be taken into account in the next stage of the review, it said.

A final report was due in the next few weeks, a spokesperson said.

## CHF: nine 5CPA flaws, halt 6CPA

**THE** Consumers Health Forum (CHF) has listed nine flaws in the way the \$15.4b Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement (5CPA) was agreed and administered.

Basing on the Australian National Audit Office audit report, these included the Department of Health entering into contracts with the Guild totalling \$300m without calling for competitive tenders, as well as a failure to tell Cabinet that the Guild would be paid to administer programs with funding meant for professional services, and that only 26% of \$664m for patient-focused programs went to patient medication management programs.

CHF ceo Adam Stankevicius called on the Minister for Health for an extension of the current agreement to allow time for a multi-party agreement with input from all.

A Guild spokesperson said the CHF's claims were ill-informed and "riddled with errors".

It was "imperative" a new Agreement was negotiated to provide certainty and stability for community pharmacy providers, and delaying the 6CPA would lead to job losses for pharmacy staff, the spokesperson said.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the CHF document.

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### DISPENSARY CORNER

**WALTER** White is out. Walter White, the mild mannered chemist-turned-murderous drug lord from *Breaking Bad*, wouldn't be caught dead in this meth lab.

A restroom at a Wal-Mart in Delaware has been closed "indefinitely" after a working meth lab was discovered inside, *Associated Press* has reported.

The trigger was apparently when an employee saw a man enter the restroom at 11.30pm with a backpack and leave without it, with police later removing dangerous chemicals, the publication reported.

**YOU** can keep 'em.

Well, it's one way to carry oxycodone.

A prisoner at Rockland County jail in USA has been accused of hiding oxycodone pills in his rectum to sell to others.

Bryan Lora was found with about 50 pills in his cell and has been charged with possession and intent to sell, *Associated Press* reported.

**SIGN** of the times.

Do you ever use sign language in your pharmacy for deaf customers?

Because if so, consider following the route of the sign language interpreter Tommy Krångh, who went viral after performing a fairly awesome dance routine while signing for Magnus Carlsson, a popstar attempting to enter Eurovision, the *Telegraph* reported.

The video appeared on a Swedish TV station but is now all over YouTube, with various videos clocking up thousands of views.

You can watch Krångh groove like it ain't no thang while educating others by **CLICKING HERE**.

### Structure Renovate Restorative Treatment by Joico

Joico **Structure Renovate Restorative Treatment** is designed to repair and condition hair. It contains no sulphates, parabens, silicone, animal derived ingredients, artificial colours, glycols, gluten, DEA or MEA, the company says, and is completely vegan and colour safe. When using this shampoo with Joico Sulphate-Free Conditioner and Renovate Restorative Treatment, it strengthens hair making it more resistant to breaking, Joico says. Apply to clean damp hair, wait three to five minutes and rinse.



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