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## CPD Conferencing

**THE** fourth Australian Dental/Pharmacy Ski Conference will be held in Canyons/Park City, Utah. See **page three** for more details.

## Cautionary labelling

**THE** latest edition of the Australian Pharmaceutical Formulary and Handbook (APF23) includes a list of hazardous medicines which have the potential to pose a risk to people other than the patient, and therefore need to have a Cautionary Advisory Label (CAL).

The CAL states "Special handling and disposal required - ask your pharmacist".

APF23 editorial board chair Emeritus Professor Lloyd Sansom said unintended exposure could happen via skin contact, ingestion or inhalation, especially if the drugs were cut or crushed.

Classes of drugs considered hazardous are cytotoxics, those designated as pregnancy category X or D and others that may pose a risk when handled.

**CLICK HERE** to read more.

## Chemmart tops poll

**FOR** the second month in a row, Chemmart Pharmacy has taken out top spot in Roy Morgan's Customer Satisfaction Poll for March.

With a 93% satisfaction rating, Chemmart was ahead of Soul Pattinson, with Chemist Warehouse in third place.

The poll was based on a survey population of 9,908.

**CLICK HERE** to read more.

## Budget buzz ramps up

**DISCUSSIONS** about what the Federal Budget 2015-16 will contain when it is released next week have ramped up, with reports that both the Guild and Medicines Australia will launch campaigns if alleged measures are included.

The Federal Budget 2015-16 will be handed down on 12 May.

Proposed measures included a plan to cut payments for innovative medicines by 5% and Medicines Australia was said to be considering a public campaign against this, the *Australian* reported.

Another proposal from the Department of Health was to exclude originator brands from the price disclosure scheme after three years, the *AFR* reported.

Medicines Australia (MA) ceo Tim James told *PD* while he could not go into specifics about proposals, the organisation was calling for government to work with the industry to find savings.

"Arbitrary" and "unplanned" cuts were not the right way to go about making savings, and the sector had already agreed to nine out of 10 proposals from government which would have seen billions of savings made, James said.

MA was concerned the reported proposals would do "untold damage" to the PBS, he said.

He could not rule out a public campaign, he said, but the organisation's desire was to work with government to find a solution.

Health Minister Sussan Ley said it was the government's duty to ensure patients and taxpayers were paying the best price for expensive

drugs, to ensure new medicines could continue to be listed, and she was resolved to deliver that despite the "misleading protests of big drug companies".

Australians understood accessing the latest medicines was not cheap, with taxpayers investing nearly \$10b per year into the PBS and government considering another \$3b of new medicines, Ley said.

"Taxpayers are easily looking at spending \$50b on making medicines more affordable for patients over the next five years and we need to make sure every dollar invested on existing drugs is as efficient as possible so we can continue to invest in new innovative medicines as well.

"That's what these measures are all about."

**MEANWHILE** the *Australian* reported that the Pharmacy Guild would launch an advertising campaign if the \$1 discounted co-payment proposal (*PD* 27 Apr) was included in the Budget.

A Guild spokesperson said it was still in negotiations with the government and had nothing to add to media reports.

## Sigma: first three months 'in line'

**SIGMA** ceo Mark Hooper has said the first three months of the 2016 financial year had produced results "in line with expectations".

Speaking at the company's AGM, Hooper said he remained confident this would extend through the year.

## Allergens schedule for therapeutic use

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration has decided to amend the current scheduling of allergens S4 entry to refer to therapeutic use only, to avoid capturing substances included in other schedules or not scheduled.

**CLICK HERE** for schedule changes, due to take effect from 01 Jun.

## Proposed PBS package not viable

**THE** Pharmacy Guild has said a proposed Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) package suggested by government does not deliver an overall net outcome that would enable the future viability of pharmacies to be secured, *PD* understands.

In an email sent to members yesterday, as first reported by *Auspharmenews*, *PD* understands the Guild said while the proposed package included a number of positive measures for pharmacy, it also included saving measures that would negatively impact pharmacies, including the \$1 discounted co-payment (*PD* 27 Apr).

The organisation had written to the Prime Minister and Minister asking them to work constructively with the Guild in resolving a number of issues with the package, *PD* understands.

Executive director David Quilty has said in *forefront* that the Guild is committed to negotiating the 6CPA "in good faith, with the interests of patients paramount".



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- 17 May:** Clinical Practice Seminar – Pain; Parramatta; details at: [www.psa.org.au](http://www.psa.org.au)
- 23 May:** HIV Workshop introduction; Brisbane; see: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)
- 24 May:** Medicines in the Bush Symposium; Darwin Convention Centre; details at: [www.psa.org.au](http://www.psa.org.au)
- 25 May:** PSA Immunisation Training; Gosford Golf Club; more info at: [www.psa.org.au](http://www.psa.org.au)
- 29-31 May:** ConPharm 2015; Park Hyatt Melbourne; more info at: [www.aacp.com.au](http://www.aacp.com.au)
- 30 May:** HIV Workshop introduction; Sydney; see: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)
- 3 Jun:** 2015 Quality Learning Seminar; Swissotel, Sydney; visit: [www.cmaustralia.org.au](http://www.cmaustralia.org.au)
- 6 Jun:** Provide First Aid; Neutral Bay Club; see: [www.psa.org.au](http://www.psa.org.au)
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- 13-14 Jun:** Cardiology Seminar; Brisbane; details at: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)
- 20-21 Jun:** Evidence Based Seminar; Sydney; details at: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)
- 6-9 Jul:** Pharmacy Alliance Members' Forum; Honolulu USA; more details at: [www.pharmacyalliance.com.au](http://www.pharmacyalliance.com.au)

## TGA reviews LVT charge exemptions

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has proposed a new annual charge exemption scheme to replace the low value turnover (LVT) exemption scheme.

The new scheme aimed to reduce the regulatory red tape burden on both industry and the TGA, while providing better equity and transparency as well as simplifying participation requirements, the TGA said.

**CLICK HERE** to see the TGA's new proposal.

## ASMI ticks Vic govt

**THE** Victorian government's commitment to developing a real-time prescription monitoring system (*PD 07 May*) is an important measure to support Quality Use of Medicines, with pharmacists able to identify consumers at risk of potential drug abuse, Australian Self Medication Industry executive director Dr Deon Schoombie has said.

"Such a system could be used to monitor the use of OTC codeine-combination analgesics."

Pharmacists could use the system to identify consumers who might be at risk and refer them to a GP or pain clinic for intervention, Schoombie said.

## Pregnancy meds database updated

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration has said the Prescribing Medicines in Pregnancy database has been updated to include a number of recently registered new chemical entities.

**CLICK HERE** to access.

## Alexion to acquire Synageva Biopharma

**ALEXION** Pharmaceuticals Inc has announced it will acquire Synageva in a transaction valued at about US\$8.4b net of cash.

The acquisition would strengthen the company's abilities in developing and commercialising therapies for patients with rare diseases, Alexion said.

**CLICK HERE** to read more.

## CH2 wins Tas deal

**CLIFFORD** Hallam Healthcare (CH2) has announced its appointment by the Tasmanian Health Organisation - South to provide warehousing and distribution services for medical consumables.

The deal includes supplies to the Royal Hobart Hospital as well as a number of campuses of the University of Tasmania.



## DISPENSARY CORNER

**DID** you wash your hands?

If your pharmacy sells hand sanitiser, consider sending some to the Texan councillor who made the classic mistake of leaving his lapel microphone active when visiting the bathroom during council discussions, according to a report from [stuff.co.nz](http://stuff.co.nz).

The inevitable sound effects gave the game away to his fellow councillors who collapsed in laughter during some serious discussions, the report said.

What was particularly damning was that the audio also revealed that there was no washing of hands evident.

The situation has been the subject of many funny moments in real life and in comedy movies - remember Leslie Nielsen in *Naked Gun*?

**CLICK HERE** for the movie clip.

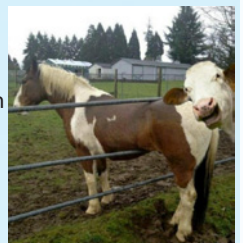
**HERD** about this?

If your drive to the pharmacy was a bit slow this morning, did you see any wandering cattle beside the highway?

We ask, because a section of the Kansas 96 highway was closed this week when a semitrailer rolled over, freeing some of the cattle it was carrying, AP reported.

The bovine escapees roamed near the highway until cowboys (yes, really) and animal control workers rounded them back up into another truck, the publication reported.

We can't help feeling sorry for the Shawshank imitators, particularly when cows do things like photobomb horses stuck in fences.



## WIN WITH PLUNKETTS

This week, *Pharmacy Daily* and Plunketts are giving away a Vita E prize pack including Vita E Cream, Vita E Oil and Vita E Ointment.

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Congratulations to yesterday's lucky winner, **Lorraine Brouard** from **Symbion**.



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