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## Registration reminder

**PHARMACISTS** have until the end of this month to renew their registration with the Pharmacy Board of Australia and avoid paying a late fee, according to an update from the Board on Fri.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) is sending a series of reminders in email and hard copy to pharmacists and says that if you haven't received one to call 1300 419 495.

Pharmacists whose application is received on time, or during the following one month late period, can continue practising while their application is processed, said the Board.

Practitioners who fail to apply to renew by 31 Dec will have lapsed registration and will be unable to practice in Australia.

## DRTC2 now available

**THE SHPA's** *Don't Rush to Crush*, included in Pharmacy Board of Australia's list of essential references for pharmacy practice, is now available in hard copy.

The new reference guidelines take effect from 07 Dec.

**CLICK HERE** to source the book.



## ASMI S3 ad reform push

**THE** Australian Self-Medication Industry has vowed to continue its advocacy for Schedule 3 advertising reforms, in the face of recommendations that restrictions be retained in the State Two Expert Panel report on the regulatory framework for medicines and medical devices (**PD Fri**).

Despite suggesting some revisions, to provide for a formal risk-benefit methodology for S3 items to be included in Appendix H, the panel didn't recommend removing all S3 ad restrictions.

However ASMI chief executive officer Deon Schoombie said the organisation supports the majority of the report, saying "we are

pleased the Panel recommended a risk-based approach to regulation and accepted many of the proposals industry put forward".

Schoombie said ASMI reserves judgement about the Panel's recommendations on complaints handling and pre-vetting of advertisements "as these two areas are highly complex, involve several inter-connected systems and will require a suite of additional reforms".

## Pre-antibiotic era fear

**NPS** MedicineWise used Antibiotic Awareness Week (16-22 Nov) to call for a 'cultural shift' in the way antibiotics are used in Australia to combat the nation's serious health issue of antibiotic resistance given the lack of new antibiotics.

University of Queensland Professor Matt Cooper says that without new antibiotics ... we're dangerously close to heading back to a pre-antibiotic era, when even simple infections caused death.

NPS is asking people to take a five-point pledge around minimising antibiotic use.

**CLICK HERE** for the pledge.

There's also a new NPS online learning course titled *Introduction to antimicrobial prescribing* - see [www.nps.org.au](http://www.nps.org.au).

## Chondroitin OA lead

**CHONDROITIN** sulfate (1200 mg/day) has been shown to be superior to celecoxib (200mg per day) at reducing cartilage loss while demonstrating similar efficacy at reducing disease symptoms in knee osteoarthritis (OA) patients, according to a two-year double-blind randomised controlled multi-centre study presented to the American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Lead author Professor Jean-Pierre Pelletier director, Rheumatic Disease Unit, University of Montreal School of Medicine cautioned that the study used pharmaceutical-grade chondroitin as opposed to food-supplement chondroitin.

## Today's issue of PD

**Pharmacy Daily** today has two pages of news, plus a full page from **Pharmacy Alliance**.

## APP 2016 update

**PULLING** out all stops to create a memorable evening, the APP 2016 'Viva Las Vegas' Street Party is shaping up to be a truly spectacular evening of non-stop entertainment, the organisers say.

Performers for the gala night during the conference on the Gold Coast will be in two different locations with formats to please every palate.

Grand illusionist Cosentino, the Potbelleez and human circus acts will perform in the main ballroom, while Nat King Cole's nephew, Lionel Cole, as well as a live band karaoke option will be in the MGM Grand marquee at Jupiters Casino.

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## Weekly Comment

Welcome to *PD's* weekly comment feature. This week's contributor is **Lisa Nissen, Head of the School of Clinical Sciences, Faculty of Health at QUT and a member of APC's Advanced Practice Credentialing Committee.**



### Advanced pharmacy practice recognition- not just about the credential

IT'S a time for celebration for pharmacists who have taken part in the credentialing of advanced practice pharmacists pilot program.

Acknowledging the 28 pharmacists credentialed as Australia's first Advanced Practice Pharmacists is important. But the significance of achieving Advanced-Stage 1 or Advanced-Stage 2 is just as important. It highlights that for a mature professional, seeking peer review on your own performance is a critical part of professional development. What better way to know more about where you are placed in your own professional development journey, than by being evaluated against a national framework- the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Framework (APPF).

It's not all about the Stage 3 credential. The performance descriptors in the Framework describe, in general terms, development of oneself and immediate team (Stage 1); self and the broader team (Stage 2); and self, team and beyond the team (Stage 3) e.g. state or national impact. So recognition at Stage 1 or 2 is sometimes simply a reflection of your experience, or specific career focus- stronger in some APPF Domains, less so in others.

## GuildCare updates

**GUILDCARE** has released a new version of its Professional Services software, and is inviting pharmacists to "unlock 6CPA funds" and professional service fees with new programs and features.

Users will be notified when their software is updated, with changes in the latest update including a new Clinical Interventions Report which replaces the previous PPI report.

Other 6CPA focused programs, including Staged Supply DAA and Inter-Professional Collaborations appear in the Service Summary Report and there's now the ability to set the date the service was delivered for accurate claiming.

A new MedScreen Compliance program replaces the 5CPA MedScreen, covering different molecules and qualification criteria with more intervention categories and recommendations available.

And there's a new Invega Sustenna Compliance package incorporating a patient reminder service and the ability to access a \$5 professional service fee by enrolling a patient.

MemoCare videos are now available in the software, while the MedsCheck Report defaults to Excel format making it easy to claim on the 6CPA portal.

**CLICK HERE** for access.

## Incontinence module

**ITHERAPEUTICS** has launched a new education module which aims to assist pharmacy staff help patients with Incontinence Management.

Affecting about 4.8 million Australians, a proportion of whom are women under 50 years of age, symptoms of incontinence and bladder leakage can be impacted by exercising and maintaining the strength of the pelvic floor.

See [itherapeutics.com.au](http://itherapeutics.com.au)

## SHPA member drive

**THE** Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia has launched a "member get member" campaign which includes a special six month membership rate.

The aim of the project is to heighten broad recognition of the pharmacy profession, enhance education resources, networking opportunities and support for members, as well as giving a stronger voice across the nation, the organisation has said.

Prize draws for existing members who refer new ones include prizes of Visa gift cards and the new *Australian Don't Rush to Crush Handbook*, with the promotion closing on 15 Jan 2016.

For details, **CLICK HERE**.

## DISPENSARY CORNER

**SPORTING** competitions have more benefits than just fitness, with demographers in South Africa confirming a "baby boy boom" following the 2010 Football World Cup there.

According to research published this month in the *Early Human Development* journal, there was an increase in male babies born nine months after the tournament.

One of the study's authors, Dr Gwinyai Masukume from the University of the Witwatersrand, said "the World Cup caused less stress, people were happier."

"People also probably had more sexual intercourse during the World Cup...it has been known that if people have sexual intercourse more frequently there is a tendency to have more boys born than females," he said.

The ratio of male to female births nine months after the soccer was 0.5063, compared to the ten year average from 2003-2012 of 0.5029 - meaning about 1,088 extra boys were born, reported the *BBC*.

**NO** cosmetics needed here.

A 42-year-old man has been crowned the ugliest person in Zimbabwe, with the controversial victory winning him US\$500.

Maison Sere, who was reportedly "missing several teeth" was thrilled at the prize, saying it would help him survive in the country which is facing massive economic problems.

The runner-up, William Masvinu, who has won three times previously, accused the judges of bias, insisting he was much worse looking than Sere.

David Machowa, who created the "ugly pageant" some years ago in his Harare pub, said he was thrilled at the success of the show, adding "I still have plans to host Mr Ugly World".

## Win with sukin

Each day this week Pharmacy Daily and Sukin are giving readers the chance to win a Lime & Coconut Body Wash and Body Lotion.

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