

### Labelling changes

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration has announced that it will update the Australian approved names of ingredients used in medicines to better align with international standards, as part of its international harmonisation plans.

There will be a four year transition period for the changes which is expected to commence in Apr 2016.

While some changes are minor - such as changing a 'y' to an 'i' which won't affect how the ingredient name is pronounced, others are more significant and in these cases medicine labels will be required to use both the old and new ingredient names for an additional three years after the end of the transition period.

The full list of name changes can be viewed at [www.tga.gov.au](http://www.tga.gov.au).

**MEANWHILE** the TGA has also issued a warning about some "home based" beauty salons which may be using imported Botox which has not been approved for supply within Australia.

### Location Rules review panel

**THE** Pharmacy Guild of Australia has pledged to work constructively with the newly constituted Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation Review Panel, "on the basis that they will take an objective and evidence-based approach to their task".

During her speech at last night's Pharmacy Guild Annual Parliamentary Dinner, Health Minister Sussan Ley announced the three members of the Panel who will undertake the review, with two having previously expressed strong opposition to the Location Rules.

The panel will be chaired by economics professor Stephen King, while the other members will be Jo Watson, deputy chair of the Consumer Health Forum (CHF), along with respected Victorian pharmacist Bill Scott.

The Guild issued a statement saying the CHF has "well known and frequently espoused views on community pharmacy regulation, the Location Rules and

remuneration of pharmacies," while Professor King recently stated in an *Australian Financial Review* article that the Location Rules are "anti-competitive and should be removed".

"The Guild trusts that the panellists are not coming to this Review with pre-determined positions, and that all issues will be considered on their merits," the Guild said.

The Review was agreed to during the Sixth Agreement negotiations as a means of informing pharmacy remuneration for the next agreement and addressing any anomalies around the Location Rules which are in place until 2020.

Ley said the review will "undertake a transparent and public assessment of the cost-effectiveness of all parts of remuneration, both to pharmacy and wholesalers, as well as the appropriateness of location rules", reporting to the government in the first half of 2017.

### McBeath joins Icon

**ICON** Consolidated Holdings - the business which includes Epic Pharmacy, Slade Health, Radiation Oncology Queensland and Icon Cancer Care - has announced the acquisition of Sydney-based McBeath Health Services.

McBeath supplies hospital and day oncology centres across NSW and ACT with sterile compounded products and pharmacy services from a TGA licenced facility at Norwest Business Park.

The deal was announced at the Icon Consolidated agm in Brisbane, with chairman Marcus Darville saying it "further strengthens our position in the provision of high quality cancer medication supply in the NSW hospital market".

The transaction is expected to be settled in the first half of 2016.

### Today's issue of PD

**Pharmacy Daily** today has three pages of news, plus a full page from **Tommee Tippee** and **Closer to Nature**.



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## Gates battles malaria

**THE** UK government has created a new £1b fund in association with US philanthropists, Bill and Melinda Gates, aiming to eradicate malaria and other infectious diseases with new drugs, diagnostics and insecticides, according to a report in *BBC News*.

## 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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Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Amie Lloyd-Jones from East Pharmacy.



## 100% ROI on vit B

**A NEW** health economics analysis has estimated that regular supplementation with Insolar, a vitamin B3 derivative produced by Blackmores, can potentially save taxpayers two dollars for every dollar an individual spent while reducing the risk of new skin cancers significantly.

Commissioned by Blackmores, the analysis was presented to members and senators in Parliament House in Canberra yesterday, highlighting the cost of non-melanoma skin cancer, the second most expensive cancer in Australia.

## MIMS PSA Vic IoY

**XAVIER** Agostino from the MyChemist Northland has been named 2015 MIMS PSA Victorian Intern of the Year in a ceremony at the Victorian Pharmacists Dinner last Friday evening.

## Aust health complex

**THE** Australian health care quality operates "under a complex set of institutions that make coordinating patient care difficult", according to an Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) review of the system released last week.

To reduce the fragmentation, the authors recommended Australia adopt a national approach.

The authors also called for strategic development of health services at the regional level with responsive innovation to quality and performance.

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## Guild welcomes minister to dinner



**LAST** night's Pharmacy Guild Annual Parliamentary Dinner in Canberra ([see p1](#)) saw pharmacy industry stakeholders gather in the Great Hall of Parliament House, with presentations from senior MPs including Health Minister Sussan Ley, opposition leader Bill Shorten and Greens leader Richard Di Natale.

**Pictured** above at the event are, from left: Guild executive director David Quilty; Guild group executive Engagement and Advocacy, Ann Dalton; Sussan Ley; and Guild National President George Tambassis.

## Myeloma approval

**THE** US FDA has granted approval to Ninlaro (ixazomib), made by Takeda, which is the "first and only oral proteasome inhibitor" indicated in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone for the treatment of patients with multiple myeloma.

Ninlaro is administered as a once-weekly tablet, with the coming just months after Takeda submitted its new drug application to the FDA in Jul and subsequently being granted Priority review status "reflecting the profound and continuing unmet need for new treatments".

## PHARMACIST POSITION



The Victorian Pharmacy Authority (VPA) is responsible for the administration of the Pharmacy Regulation Act 2010 and wishes to appoint a part-time pharmacist three days per week.

The pharmacist's primary role will be to visit, assess and advise Victorian pharmacies, pharmacy departments and pharmacy depots throughout Victoria.

Applicants must be a registered pharmacist preferably with around ten years or more experience in community or hospital practice and a good working knowledge of pharmacy legislation, practice guidelines and practice standards. A current driver's licence is essential.

The position offers the possibility of progression to a full-time role in the future.

Written applications should be forwarded to:

Registrar, Victorian Pharmacy Authority, Level 6, 369 Royal Parade, Parkville by not later than 18 December 2015

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The **Colour Kisses 5 Pack Lipstick Kit** from Designer Brands contains five, highly pigmented, limited edition stunning shades for a wide variety of lip looks, from smouldering to subtle to rich and voluptuous. Presented creatively in a gorgeous on-trend gold box, shades include Blush, Hot Pink, Hibiscus, Deep Red and Nude. DB Colour Kisses kit is the perfect Christmas tree adornment that any girl will love.

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Stockist: 07 5564 6767

RRP: \$49.00 for 30mL

Website: [www.cristianoronaldofragrances.com](http://www.cristianoronaldofragrances.com)



## DISPENSARY CORNER



**OPPOSITION** leader Bill Shorten gave guests at last night's Pharmacy Guild of Australia Annual Pharmacy Dinner an amusing pharmacy history lesson.

Shorten reminded those present that "pharmacy is a venerable profession - indeed an ancient one," with many of the clay tablets excavated by archaeologists in Mesopotamia over the years being prescriptions.

Pharmacies in 9th century Baghdad were state-regulated, he said, while in ancient Japan "the Emperor's Pharmacist held a higher rank than the Emperor's two physicians - don't tell the AMA".

The Labor leader also reminded guests that a pharmacist plays a pivotal role in Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, which he described as "a bit of 17th century product placement".

**TELLING** your patients to get a breath of fresh seaside air may not be the best advice, according to a new study which warns that "refreshing sea breezes" may actually contain a toxic cocktail of pollution.

The science journal *Oceanologia* reported on the research which found "high levels of hazardous nanoparticles" in coastal air sampled from southern Britain.

The researchers said the pollution was likely due to south westerly winds blowing up from mainland Europe, with the not-so-cleansing air including large quantities of fuel and other emissions from ships.

"Other pollutants from land-based factories and cars, as well as naturally forming chemicals in the atmosphere merge with the sea-based particles to form a deadly cocktail for those living in coastal areas," according to a report on the study published in the UK *Telegraph* newspaper.

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