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SHPA urges medication lists

COMPLETE and current medication lists are central to the safe and optimal use of medicines for individual patients, according to a new position statement from the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA).

The lists need to be maintained, updated and validated by health professionals, particularly pharmacists, whenever a patient's medicines are changed, as part of any medication review and particularly when the patient transitions between episodes of care, the organisation said.

In addition, with the patient's consent, a complete and current medication list should be included when a patient's care is transitioned between health professionals, between health service organisations and within health service organisations.

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care supports the SHPA position, saying that both hard copy and electronic forms of medication lists need to include the dose, frequency and indication for each medicine, including OTC/CM products, as well as the route of administration.

The lists are also to include any

information about changes to therapy, and any medications not to be taken due to allergies, known idiosyncratic side effects or risk factors, said the Commission.

The SHPA said its position supports "a collaborative model, underpinned by timely and effective communication between the health care team and the patient."

"This includes a 'virtuous circle' approach where a readily accessible complete and current medication list is always available to support the evaluation and establish the basis for changes to a patient's medicine treatment," SHPA added.

Top eight assistants

THE state/territory winners of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia/GuildSuper Pharmacy Assistant of the Year Award have been announced as: **Chelsea Beard**, Stuart Park Pharmacy (NT); **Julie Warhurst**, Good Price Pharmacy Warehouse Cannon Hill (Qld); **Erin Pavy**, Ainslie Chemmart Compounding Pharmacy (ACT); **Lisa Ryan**, Jetty Village Amcal Pharmacy (NSW); **Tracy Lowthorpe**, Wizard Pharmacy Girrawheen (WA); **Angela Kay**, Waikerie Pharmacy (SA); **Emilie Hodgins**, Priceline Pharmacy Warrnambool (Vic); and **Kylie Richardson**, Wilkinson's Pharmacy (Tas).

The national winner will be revealed next month at the Pharmacy Assistant National Conference on the Gold Coast.

DPP-4 inhibitors & HF

CARDIOVASCULAR safety and the use of the newest therapeutic class of diabetes treatments, gliptins (DPP-4 inhibitors), is the subject of this week's RGH Pharmacy E-Bulletin - to access **CLICK HERE**.

Monash pharmacy

MONASH University is inviting prospective students to consider its range of graduate diplomas and masters degrees in pharmacy for 2016, with applications closing 30 Nov - see the **last page** for details.

PBA seeks committee

THE Pharmacy Board of Australia (PBA) is calling on pharmacists holding general registration to submit expressions of interest for appointment to the Notifications Committee.

Only pharmacists outside of NSW may apply, "due to co-regulatory arrangements for managing notifications" the PBA said.

For details and application forms see pharmacyboard.gov.au.

Robotic Robina Hosp

ROBINA Hospital on the Gold Coast has installed a medicine dispensing robotic system.

Dubbed Max, the robot reduces the time taken to dispense medication to patients by storing and retrieving up to 40,000 pharmaceutical items and delivering them to a specific area in the pharmacy.

This enables pharmacy staff to turn their attention to more specialised work, which ultimately means patients receive more hands-on care from their clinical teams, said Queensland Health.

Gold Coast Health Director of Pharmacy Liz Coombes said the introduction of Max was important for improving patient safety.

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Dragon Claw Website

A WEBSITE that aims to make life easier for those dealing with Rheumatoid Disease is asking Guild members to recommend their special rheumatoid or lupus customers to share their story on video.

The founders of Australia's Dragon Claw website have called on pharmacists to encourage patients participate in a short interview which will be turned into 1-3 minute video to help other sufferers know they are not alone.

Video interviews will take place in Sydney, Wollongong, Newcastle and Canberra.

Dragon Claw also provides resources for carers and seeks to assist users build the medical and allied health support they need.

For more information, you can contact Susan Hughes on mobile 0421 459 747 or email info@dragon-claw.org.

Pharmacy first quit choice

PHARMACISTS are the focus of a new Lung Foundation Australia pilot smoking cessation and social media initiative called *QUIT4october*.

Lung Foundation Australia is asking pharmacists to encourage people who smoke to sign up to the scheme, which is dedicated to helping people to quit smoking with the support of their pharmacist through the month of October.

The program is being piloted in four areas including Ballarat in Victoria, Toowoomba in Queensland and Dubbo & Ryde in NSW, with smokers being urged to visit their pharmacist to discuss best practice smoking cessation as outlined in the Australian smoking cessation guidelines.

Lung Foundation Australia ceo, Heather Allan, said "With 3 million Australians (nearly 16% of those aged 14 or older) continuing to smoke tobacco and two in every

three lifelong smokers dying prematurely from their habit, the *QUIT4october* program is launched at a crucial time when the recent tax rise increase may trigger people who smoke to stop their dependence on tobacco."

Tobacco Treatment Specialist Dr Colin Mendelsohn said quit attempts without support have only a 3-5% success rate compared to best practice treatment generating up to 30%.

"Professional support enhances motivation, teaches the individual practical quitting skills and builds a supportive environment for the quitting journey," he said.

The Foundation has established a website with information for those wanting to quit and the opportunity to upload photos to *QUIT4october*.

Go to www.quit4october.com.au.

FDA ticks Xuriden

XURIDEN (uridine triacetate) has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration, as the first ever FDA-approved treatment for hereditary orotic aciduria.

Hereditary orotic aciduria is a rare metabolic disorder, due to a defective enzyme, resulting in the body being unable to synthesize uridine, a necessary component of ribonucleic acid (RNA).

The disease has affected around 20 patients worldwide, the FDA said.

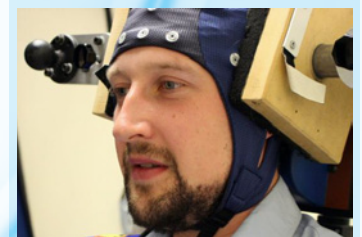
DISPENSARY CORNER

FORGET dramamine - scientists at Imperial College London believe they have made a breakthrough in the treatment of motion sickness by using electricity to stimulate parts of the brain.

In early trials on 20 subjects the method appears to be as efficacious as motion sickness medications, but without the side effects of drowsiness.

The study was reported in the *Neurology* journal, with the researchers postulating that mild electrical currents may interfere with the messages arriving at the brain from the part of the ear which controls balance, reports the *BBC*.

The intriguing study involved volunteers being placed in a so-called "chunder chair" (pictured), an extreme version of an amusement park ride which spins at an angle and is "guaranteed to make pretty much anyone motion sick within five minutes".



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What date is the movie *Spectre* releasing in cinemas across Australia?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Kirili Anderson from the Complementary Healthcare Council of Australia.



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