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TWC hearing tests

TERRY White Chemists has partnered with National Hearing Care to provide free hearing screenings in a national campaign aiming to increase early detection of hearing loss, a condition estimated to affect 3.6m Aussies.

The 'How old is your hearing?' campaign determines a patient's hearing age versus their real age, with most waiting an average of seven years to act on hearing loss.

Tests are being conducted on selected days throughout Sep.



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Australia-China drug pact

THE University of South Australia has announced a new collaboration with leading Chinese drugmaker Yabao Pharmaceutical Co Inc which will see the creation of a new Joint Drug Discovery Laboratory.

Under the terms of the agreement the University will identify drug candidates for new cancer treatments in a co-funded facility led by research academic Professor Shudong Wang.

Yabao will have the exclusive rights to develop and commercialise the drug candidates in China, while the University of South Australia will retain rights in all other markets.

Vice chancellor, David Lloyd, said the University of South Australia was thrilled to have forged such a strong collaboration in China, while Professor Wang said the financial resources resulting from the agreement "will help to rapidly advance our drug discovery

Sigma PAAC page

SIGMA Pharmaceuticals recently wrapped up its seventh Pharmacy Assistant Annual Conference (PAAC) with all the winners, glitz and glamour featured on page four.

towards clinical development, a goal we all share".

Founded in 1978, Yabao Pharmaceuticals is listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and has more than 6,000 employees.

WA conviction

A WESTERN Australian man has been convicted of 'holding out' as a pharmacist, after he dispensed medications without being registered.

Amer Ahmed was prosecuted by AHPRA under s116 of the National Law, with court documents confirming he had previously held provisional registration as a pharmacy student, and has since gained general registration.

Ahmed pleaded guilty to breaching the law when he was employed as a pharmacy assistant and opened the pharmacy for an afternoon without a pharmacist present.

He conceded that he had dispensed medications, including S8 drugs, and counselled patients on their use when he was not a registered pharmacist.

He was fined \$4,000 and granted a "spent conviction".



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CMA earlybird closing

EARLYBIRD registration for the Complementary Medicines Australia (CMA) Annual Conference and 16th Annual Industry Awards, set to take place on 29 Oct, closes on 11 Sep.

CMA ceo Carl Gibson said preparations are in full swing for "the complementary medicines industry event of the year."

Last year was a sell-out he said, with many this year already taking advantage of earlybird rates.

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NICE new drug plan

A COLLABORATION between 32 international public and private partners including regulators, patients, academia, and industry representatives has been established under the auspices of the UK National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) to identify activities that can make the development and regulation of medicines more efficient.

Dubbed the Accelerated Development of Appropriate Patient Therapies (ADAPT SMART), and funded by the EU Innovative Medicines Initiative, the project seeks to develop a Medicines Adaptive Pathways to Patients (MAPPs) model that is responsive to the needs of patients, regulators, healthcare professionals and members of the industry.

Bactroban recall

GSK Australia has initiated a pharmacy level recall of five batches of Bactroban Cream and three batches of Bactroban Nasal Ointment, due to the potential for contamination of the active ingredient - details 1800 033 109.

NPS offers more CPD

AS THE end of the Continuing **Professional Development** (CPD) year approaches, NPS MedicineWise is reminding pharmacists about its free CPD learning activities.

NPS MedicineWise says that its evidence-based activities assist pharmacists and pharmacy interns in the provision of quality patient care and quality use of medicines in the community.

NPS MedicineWise client relations manager Aine Heaney said, "For pharmacists needing to earn more CPD credits in the next few weeks, we have a wide range of free activities that offer high quality, trusted and contemporary learning opportunities to support pharmacy practice in Australia."

All pharmacists who have not yet completed the 40 credits required to renew their registration prior to the end of the month can participate in these NPS MedicineWise learning products, all of which are accredited as Group 2 activities, Heaney said.

Practice reviews, online case

studies and learning courses are available - CLICK HERE.

Pharmacy continence courses

Science Backed Beta-Glucan Powder

THE Guild Pharmacy Academy and Continence Foundation of Australia have joined forces to develop new educational resources for pharmacy staff providing continence care and advice.

The online courses are in two formats - one for pharmacists and one for pharmacy assistants, and employ consumer case scenarios to highlight the various community based management and treatment services that are available for patients suffering with incontinence.

Pharmacy assistants can now access the free course, titled 'Continence care for pharmacy assistants', via the Guild's online learning platform, myLEARNING and it may be used as Recognition of Prior Learning for the accredited unit 'SIRCHCSS305 Advise on continence management'.

The pharmacist course, titled "Continence care for pharmacists", will be released in the coming weeks via the Guild's myCPD online learning platform and includes the business case for providing a pharmacy continence care service.

Enrolment via myCPD can be done immediately at www.mycpd.org.au to receive updates on the launch of this course, for which the Guild is currently seeking CPD accreditation.

President of the Vic branch of the Pharmacy Guild, Anthony Tassone said: 'Continence care products are a key category in community pharmacy and help define us as a health destination for many in the

Clinical trials scheme

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has updated information on the Clinical Trial Notification scheme on its website, along with a new transition form see www.tga.gov.au.

community.

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"These online courses will help pharmacy staff start the conversation with those who are seeking help with incontinence, and assist in the appropriate referral of the consumer to the pharmacist."

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Training pharmacy assistants will ensure they can also provide consumers with accurate product information and advice, as well as reinforce pharmacist recommendations, he added.





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HYGIENE is top of mind in Japan

this week, where the country's best public toilets have received government awards for a host of

criteria including novelty, safety,

Officials from the Japan Toilet

thing) consulted with architects to

Association (yes, that's really a

peruse almost 400 nominations

from municipalities across the

Winners included Haneda

along with the organisers of a toilet-themed art festival.

the awards ceremony featuring

a speech from minister Haruko

quality of daily life and encourage

"Having public toilets where women feel safe is a sign of

the maturity and richness of a

society," the politician added. WASP farming could become a

new agricultural pursuit if early stage research into the venom of

A team from the University of

Brazil is testing a hypothesis that

the venom from a native wasp

could be used to fight cancer.

as an "aggressive social wasp

endemic in south-east Brazil,"

with the BBC reporting that a toxin it contains, called MP1, may target and destroy cancer cells.

Lead researcher Joao Ruggiero Netto said MP1 interacts with

cancer cells, potentially damaging

The results were reported in the

whether it could form the basis of

fat molecules on the surface of

Biophysical Journal, with more

work to be undertaken to see

a new class of cancer drugs.

the malignancy.

Polybia paulista is described

the insects pans out.

Arimura, who said "pleasant

restrooms will improve the

women's empowerment.

Airport for its spotless restrooms,

A key focus was ladies' loos, with

comfort and cleanliness.

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Health, Beauty and New Products

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Mega Magnesium powder and tablets - now in larger sizes



Ethical Nutrients Mega Magnesium may help to relieve muscular aches, pains and spasms and can be beneficial during times of stress. Mega Magnesium makes therapeutic dosing easy and more affordable, containing an exclusive Meta Mag® Magnesium diglycinate, an easily absorbed form of magnesium. The products are now available in larger sizes for even better value – new 450g delicious Citrus or Raspberry powder or new 240 tablets.

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Website: www.ethicalnutrients.com.au

Lancôme Advanced Génifique Eye Cream

Lancôme Advanced Génifique Eye Cream helps to protect the skin from pollution, fight the visible signs of fatigue, and ensure the eye appears rested and youthful. This advanced gel concentrate contains the Génifique unique, exclusive and patented technology, locking moisture into the skin for up to eight hours.

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Website: www.lancome.com.au



Shiseido Men Moisturizing Self Tanner

Men Moisturizing Self Tanner is a self-tanning emulsion for the face that produces an even, natural bronze colour and provides moisture for a healthy vitalised look. It evens out the complexion and minimises the appearance of spots and discolouration. It also replenishes moisture and increases the skin's protective barrier function with Shiseido Damage Defense Complex, protecting against environmental stress and dryness.

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Yves Saint Laurent: Crème De Blush

Yves Saint Laurent Crème De Blush is a cream to powder blush that offers a luminous, radiant and healthy look. The soft formulation soothes the skin while ensuring a seamless look while featuring a non-waxy texture. This youth-giving glow is now available in three shades.

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PAAC 2015 TT'S A WRAP!





PAAC is Sigma's unique and exclusive Pharmacy Assistants Annual Conference, for Amcal, Amcal Max & Guardian store teams.

We all know the challenges ahead for Pharmacy Retail and the anticipated increased competitive threat from multiple channels. PAAC allows all store team members to workshop, brainstorm and hear from subject matter experts that can assist stores to help 'future proof' their retail offer and continue to provide a wonderful service to the community.

PAAC is now in its 7th year and has a new Friday/Saturday format that engages, coaches, empowers and celebrates store teams who do their best each and every day for their customers. This year's events were held in Perth (WA), Gold Coast (QLD), Sydney (NSW) & Melbourne (ViC).

Each PAAC finishes with our Gala & Awards Dinner that recognises the following categories for each Region:

- Pharmacy of the Year
- Pharmacy Assistant of the Year
- Store Business Manager/Retail Manager of the Year
- Pharmacist Business Leader of the Year
- Community Engagement Pharmacy of the Year
- Professional Services Pharmacy of the Year

Congratulations to all of our 2015 Award Winners!

All Region award winners are now eligible for the National title which will be announced at Sigma's Retail Conference on the Gold Coast in March 2016!

PAAC 25 Supplier **Partners** and offered up a mix of Professional and Industry speakers (The Pharmacy Guild, QCPP & The PSA), Retail Workshops, Gold Sponsor Supplier Power Sessions and Supplier





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