

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news, plus a full page from **Pharmacy 4 Less**.

Urgent Allergan recall

ALLERGAN, in consultation with the TGA, has issued an urgent recall for specific batches of Ircal Eye Ointment and Refresh Night Time Eye ointment, because of a "small number of customer complaints about small black particles associated with the packaging of the product".

The particles, which can be created by unscrewing the cap, can be potentially introduced into the ointment and could get into the eye.

For full details of the affected batches see tga.gov.au.

Pharmacy service subsidy

COMMUNITY pharmacies from across the globe continue to subsidise professional services from their own pocket, according to a key report released by the International Pharmaceutical Federation.

Sustainability of pharmacy services: Advancing global health gives an overview of remuneration models for community and hospital pharmacy, and is claimed to be the first report of its kind.

Based on data from 49 countries and collated by pharmacists and health economists, the study reveals a common concern among pharmacy groups worldwide over the long-term financial viability of community pharmacies, due to

"successive price and margin cuts". While governments are interested in increasing the services offered by pharmacists & a philosophical shift towards a more service-focused model of care, "community and hospital pharmacy remuneration models remain largely product-focused," the report states.

This in itself constitutes a barrier to new services, with the linking of dispensing fees to price meaning advice from pharmacists is not always valued appropriately.

As payments based on the volume of medicines dispensed decrease, there will be an "urgent need to find other sources of revenue to support quality, comprehensive pharmacy services".

The full report is the result of two years work and has been produced for the exclusive use of FIP member organisations, with an executive summary at www.fip.org.

New COPD product

BOEHRINGER Ingelheim has combined Spiriva (tiotropium bromide 5mg) with the new Respimat Soft Mist Inhaler, with the product to be added to the PBS effective from tomorrow for the treatment of COPD.

Spiriva Handihaler, which is currently the most widely prescribed COPD maintenance therapy, will also continue to be available in Australia.

BI also confirmed that it plans to make several medications available via the Respimat device, which uses mechanical energy rather than a propellant to deliver medication to the airways as a slow moving fine mist which helps maximise lung deposition.

To view a video on the operation of the Respimat inhaler see pharmacydaily.com.au/videos.

NSW Pharmacy Council elections

NOMINATIONS open tomorrow for pharmacists practising in NSW to fill five positions in the Pharmacy Council of New South Wales.

Applications are to be in writing and require the full details of two nominators, both of whom must also be NSW pharmacists.

Candidates may also complete a Profile Form to provide further details, with nominations open until 22 Oct - elections.nsw.gov.au.

Australians honoured by FIP

THE International Pharmaceutical Federation overnight awarded FIP Fellowships to Australian pharmacists Professor Jennifer Marriott of Monash University and Sydney University's Dr Rebekah Moles.

They were among 16 recipients of awards during the opening ceremony of the 75th World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Düsseldorf, Germany.

A FIP Fellowship recognises individual members of the organisation who have exhibited strong leadership, have distinguished themselves, and contributed to the advancement of pharmacy practice.

FIP's highest awards, the André Bédat Award and the Høst Madsen Medal, went to Dr Thomas Lönngren of Sweden and Professor Hans Junginger of Germany respectively.



NZ pharmacist Jane Dawson, who is secretary of FIP's Military and Emergency Pharmacy Section also received an FIP Fellowship, along with FIP members from the UK, Germany, Switzerland, Japan, Canada and the USA.

Dr Moles is pictured above receiving her award from FIP President Carmen Peña.

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DISPENSARY CORNER

HERE'S another fascinating research project from Belgium.

Scientists from Ghent University have been working hard examining the excrement of giant pandas, in an attempt to work out how they are able to exist on a diet of bamboo.

Although the endangered creatures are similar to carnivores, they almost exclusively eat tough bamboo which does not have much nutrient content.

There is a method to their madness, with a potential application of the research being the development of new generations of biofuel.

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