

The future of integrated pharmacy management has arrived – Fred NXT

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## Continence training

**CONTINENCE** product company Tena has partnered with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia to create a training resource for pharmacy assistants on discussing continence care in the context of counselling in-pharmacy.

The accredited training unit, *SIRCHCS305 Advise on continence management*, will give pharmacy assistants the tools and advice to recommend and supply continence management products to patients.

The unit also emphasises the need to recognise and act on situations or requests requiring referral to a pharmacist.

Guild Victorian Branch president 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 community."

"This unit of competency will help pharmacy staff start a conversation with those who are seeking help with incontinence and assist in the appropriate referral of the patients to the pharmacist."

See [www.guild.org.au/academy](http://www.guild.org.au/academy).

## Apotex feels PBS pinch

**FOLLOWING** months of ongoing, significant and widespread price reductions and PBS changes imposed across the broader pharmaceutical industry, Apotex Australia has announced that it will cease supply of two of its PBS-listed products.

The PBS delisting date is yet to be confirmed, and stock will remain available at wholesalers until exhausted.

Apotex md Roger Millichamp says Apotex has been incurring sustained losses by supplying these products under current legislated PBS pricing regimes, with some 68 medicines listed at, or below, ex-manufacturer price of \$2.

Products facing the chop are Paracetamol/Codeine Tablets 500mg/30mg Blister Pack 20 (early Q4 2016), Cephalexin Suspension 125mg/5ml Bottle 100ml (mid-late Q4 2016) and Cephalexin Suspension 250mg/5ml Bottle 100ml (mid-late Q4 2016).

Millichamp said although it was a tough decision to make, the impact

of legislated pricing reform has resulted in significant losses for some Apotex-supplied products, losses which cannot be sustained.

As a major generic manufacturer, the company has said it will continue to be an active contributor to the Generic Medicines Working Group (GMWG) and its discussions with Government, and is working with its customers to allow them to make alternative supply arrangements.

## Online module update

**PHARMACIST** Club in partnership with Aspen Nutritionals have updated the online CPD accredited module for pharmacists around infant breast and bottle feeding issues, based on the NHMRC infant feeding guidelines.

The online learning module provides pharmacists with referenced evidence-based information, focusing on the latest recommendations from the independent research group.

The module comes with new animations and product videos and credits two CPD points.

**CLICK HERE** to access the course.

## Today's issue of PD

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

## Vic first cannabis state

**VICTORIA** has made Australian medico-legal history by becoming the first state to pass legislation allowing the manufacture, supply and access to safe and high quality medicinal cannabis for people in exceptional circumstances.

Children with severe epilepsy will be given first access to medicinal cannabis from early 2017, following the passing of the Access to Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2015 on Tuesday, a state government release said.

Announcing the government's small-scale strictly controlled cannabis cultivation trial, Health Minister Jill Hennessy said, "It's absolutely heartbreaking to see families having to choose between breaking the law and watching their children suffer - and now ... they won't have to."

An Office of Medicinal Cannabis is to be established by the Victorian government to oversee the manufacture of the drug and all clinical aspects of the framework.

## Board pharmacist infographic

**THE** Pharmacy Board of Australia has published a new infographic (**right**) which details the obligations of a registered pharmacist.

Chair William Kelly said pharmacists who are registered under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme must meet the Board's standards and expectations of the profession.

"This is a requirement throughout pharmacists' careers and not just upon initial registration," he said.

The infographic aims to provide a simple guide to the obligations of a pharmacist under the National Law, "and will help pharmacists ensure they do the right thing as one of the 14 regulated health professions," Kelly said.

The Board has also developed a



sample CPD plan/record to guide pharmacists in developing their CPD plan and record of completed activities.

A blank template of the CPD plan is also available for download at [pharmacyboard.gov.au](http://pharmacyboard.gov.au).

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## Pharmacy Connect opens

**REGISTRATION** for the new Pharmacy Guild of Australia national conference, Pharmacy Connect, set to take place 09-10 Sep in Sydney, is now open.

Delegates who register online before 01 Jun go into the draw to win three nights' accommodation at Four Points by Sheraton Sydney, Darling Harbour.

The Guild said the event is intended to replicate the components of the Australian Pharmacy Professional Conference (APP), and where the Guild can

launch initiatives from the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement, along with private initiatives.

This has been in response to needs identified by pharmacy owners, managers and industry manufacturers for a conference in the second half of the year.

Open to pharmacists, pharmacy owners, pharmacy staff, pharmacy group executives, pharmacy managers, interns and students, Pharmacy Connect will include future-focused business and clinical education sessions, a trade exhibition with 60+ exhibitors, welcome reception and gala dinner.

Specifically, the conference promises to provide industry trends and updates, business growth and management guidance, direction for extension of professional services, clinical updates as well as networking and mentoring opportunities, the Guild said.

See [pharmacy-connect.com.au](http://pharmacy-connect.com.au).

### New diabetes needle

**BECTON** Dickinson has announced that its Ultra-Fine Pen Needle with patented 'EasyFlow' technology is now available in Australia.

The new pen needle features an extra wide inner diameter which improves the flow rate of injectable diabetes medication, thereby making it easier and faster for people with diabetes to inject their medication.

The 4mm pen needle is suitable for most people with diabetes including the overweight, and ensures medication is injected to the correct skin depth over 99.5% of the time, the company says.

### Spot the pharmacist

**PHARMACY** 4 Less is inviting the industry to identify five APP participants from photos taken during the conference now posted on its Facebook page - see **page three** for details.

## Win with MILKY FOOT



This week Pharmacy Daily and Biorevive are giving away Milky Foot Active each day.

Milky Foot Active is an effortless at home pedicure treatment which combats foot odour and removes hardened dead skin through an intense peeling action after just one simple application. Milky Foot Active comes with all the benefits of the original Milky Foot but with a new special foot odour fighting formula. Visit [www.milkyfoot.com.au](http://www.milkyfoot.com.au)

To win, be the first person from SA or NT to send the correct answer to [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au)

How many applications of Milky Foot Active do you need?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Donna Delgado from Woodlake Village Pharmacy.



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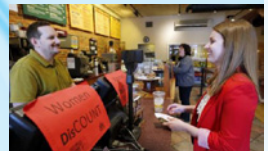
**HAIL** the salary gender gap.

At least women in Concord, New England did, for one day.

The Works Bakery Cafe bakery chain in New Hampshire offered a discount on purchases to women only at a rate of 21% to illustrate the salary gender gap that exists, reports *Yahoo News*.

The promotion was in recognition of Equal Pay Day, a national symbolic event emphasising how much longer it takes a woman to earn as much as a man.

Chain ceo Richard French said the Stand



with Women campaign asked them to take part in the event.

He said his company employs a lot of women, and they are paid the same as men.

**SUPERHEROS** really do exist - at least when it comes to special DNA which can be found in some extremely healthy people.

That's the conclusion of a study published in the journal *Nature Biotechnology* which found some people are born with a genetic makeup which "cancels out" diseases such as cystic fibrosis.

The researchers from the Icahn School of Medicine at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital looked at DNA databases covering almost 600,000 people and found 13 who should have developed various debilitating diseases - but apparently didn't thanks to DNA mutations.

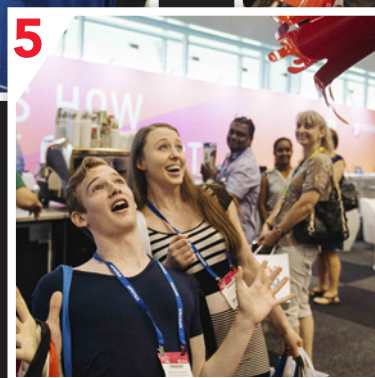
Lead researcher Professor Stephen Friend said the findings could be a starting point to searching for genome changes which could similarly protect others against the conditions.



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