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## New AusPARs

**THE** TGA has added two Australian Public Assessment Reports (AusPARs): follitropin alfa (rch) (Bemfola, Afolia from Finox Biotech Australia) for hormone management in specific patients and eltrombopag (Revolade by Novartis) for certain patients with aplastic anaemia.

**MEANWHILE** the TGA's Advisory Committee on Prescription Medicines has summarised the therapeutic goods referred for advice revealing a list of 15 products of which seven are new chemical entities, including an inactivated influenza virus vaccine (surface antigens).

Six products: anakinra, etanercept, regorafenib, rifaximin, apixaban and adalimumab had extensions to their indications, while rituximab recorded a major variation relating to its dosing.

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## Qld ticks pharmacy vaccination

**THE** Queensland Government has approved legislation to enable pharmacists to administer vaccinations to the public in a community pharmacy setting.

PSA Qld Branch president Bruce Elliot welcomed the decision, saying the amended legislation will enable accessible pharmacist-delivered vaccinations to provide healthcare benefits to local communities.

"This legislation will allow trained pharmacists to vaccinate for influenza, measles and pertussis, providing positive health outcomes for the community," Elliot said.

"Community pharmacy provides a convenient and easily-accessible location for consumers to access vital health care services, such as immunisations.

"Additionally, this legislation will ensure there is a trained cohort of pharmacists who could also be authorised to quickly deliver vaccinations to the community during times of emergency or pandemics."

Guild Qld Branch president Tim Logan said that the change in legislation is a fantastic example

of the Guild and the PSA working together to advocate for members.

"Through the joint efforts of the Queensland Branches of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and PSA as well as Queensland Health we have pioneered the regulation of pharmacists delivering immunisations in pharmacies which is now seen in every State and Territory in Australia, apart from Victoria," Logan said.

Qld Pharmacist Immunisation Pilot (QPIP) research lead, QUT School of Clinical Sciences Professor Lisa Nissen, said that the new legislation follows the QPIP program where over 35,000 adults were immunised by pharmacists as part of a two year trial.

To administer vaccinations in Qld the vaccinating pharmacist and the pharmacy premises must be compliant with the requirements of the Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996, Drug Therapy Protocol – Pharmacist Vaccination Program and the Pharmacist Vaccination Standard.

## New transplant guide

**NEW** guidelines for organ transplantation were released from the department of Health and Aged Care at the Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ) annual scientific meeting in Sydney yesterday.

The *Ethical and Clinical Guidelines* are the culmination of a collaborative effort by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), the Organ and Tissue Authority and TSANZ.

## Phcy student growth

**THE** Pharmacy Board of Australia has developed a PowerPoint presentation outlining the path for pharmacy students to grow into the pharmacist role in accordance with the requirements for registration.

Board chair William Kelly said it is vital that graduates know what it means to be registered and what their obligations are.

See [www.pharmacyboard.gov.au](http://www.pharmacyboard.gov.au).

## Fake sildenafil alert

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration has issued a safety alert on two sildenafil imports unapproved in Australia.

Sold under the names U.S. Black Gold tablets and MMC Zang Ba Bao tablets, the TGA believes some consumers may have bought them online, and for their own safety are advised to return them to their local pharmacy for disposal.

More info at [www.tga.gov.au](http://www.tga.gov.au).

## Medicinewise awards

**NOMINATIONS** and entries are now open for the 2016 National Medicinewise Awards, a biennial event that recognises leaders in the field for outstanding contributions to quality use of medicines, medical tests and health technologies.

The awards are to be presented by NPS MedicineWise as part of this year's National Medicines Symposium to be held in Canberra 19-20 May.

There are seven award categories including two relating to consumer initiatives, two for health professional programs as well as excellence in consumer information, e-health resources and media reporting.

Go to [www.nps.org.au/nms2016](http://www.nps.org.au/nms2016).

## Pharmacist guilty

**A NEW** York pharmacist has admitted to criminal diversion of prescription medications and taking bribes in a case involving a US-wide scheme to divert HIV drugs.

55-year-old Glenn Schabel also pleaded guilty to money laundering, with the convictions part of an "Operation Black-Market Meds" investigation undertaken by state Attorney-General.

The case stemmed from the 2012 discovery that Schabel and others were using fake prescription drug wholesalers in several states.

They used the networks to launder money and sell more than US\$274 million in diverted medications from illegal or unknown sources - including some that had been previously dispensed and then resold on the black market.



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### Jobs of the Week

- **Pharmacist In Charge** - Central Coast, QLD (Job# 20000375)  
Career advancement opportunity with modern forward pharmacy model
- **Pharmacist** - Canberra ACT (Job# 200002735)  
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- **Pharmacist Manager** - Melbourne's south east, VIC (Job# 200010400)  
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## Events Calendar

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**16-17 Apr:** Victorian Pharmacy Conference 2016; Monash University, Parkville; more info at: [www.psa.org.au](http://www.psa.org.au)

**22-24 Apr:** 4th BioCeuticals Research Symposium; Sheraton on the Park Sydney; see: [www.bioceuticals.com.au](http://www.bioceuticals.com.au)

**1-10 May:** 41st Offshore Refresher; Cape Town and Sun City, South Africa; details at: [www.psaoffshore2016.com.au](http://www.psaoffshore2016.com.au)

**14-15 May:** Laboratory Tests Seminar; Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart; see: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)

**19-20 May:** National Medicines Symposium 2016; Canberra Convention and Exhibition Centre; for more info go to: [www.nps.org.au](http://www.nps.org.au)

**21-22 May:** Critical Care Foundation Seminar; Novotel Brisbane; details at: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)

**28-29 May:** Medication Management in Geriatric Care Seminar; Rydges Sydney Central; for more info visit: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)

**4-5 Jun:** Critical Care Foundation Seminar; Crowne Plaza Melbourne; details at: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)

**7-9 Jun:** 15th National Immunisation Conference; Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre; details at: [www.phaa.net.au](http://www.phaa.net.au)

**17-19 Jun:** ConPharm 2016; Hilton, Adelaide; more info at: [www.aacp.com.au](http://www.aacp.com.au)

## Compounder prosecuted

**THE** NSW Health Care Complaints Commission has made findings of unsatisfactory professional conduct and professional misconduct against Nicholas Bova, the proprietor and pharmacist-in-charge of Caringbah-based Bova Compounding Chemist.

The prosecution related to a product dispensed to an ophthalmic surgeon for a corneal cross-linking procedure in late 2011 and a range of breaches of the *Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation*.

In particular the Tribunal found Bova failed to take reasonable steps to clarify whether Dextran T(500) sulfate was appropriate and safe for use in the human eye, as well as dispensing ten bottles for a single patient when he should have been aware that this was an excessive quantity.

The Tribunal also found Bova's pharmacy had failed to comply with a large number of regulatory requirements, including failure to ensure scripts for special restricted substances were stored separately, failure to keep a drug register for drugs of addiction, supplying oxytocin to male clients, failure to store S8 drugs in a safe and failure to maintain a drug register for dexamphetamine, codeine and ketamine.

During the period since 2011 the Tribunal said Bova had "put himself in a position where he would be unlikely to repeat any of the breaches" but said given the multiplicity of them he was guilty of professional misconduct.

The Tribunal said it would consider the issue of protective orders on a further hearing date to be set down.

## New TabTimer clock

**TABTIMER** today launched a new "Audio Visual Calendar Reminder Clock" which includes the ability to program up to 20 alarms with accompanying audio visual cues.

Aimed at helping people living with memory or cognitive impairment or even just everyday forgetfulness, the MemRabel 2 comes with more than 100 in-built audio, image and video files which can help remind patients when it's time to take medicines, appointments or "any daily living requirement that needs a gentle reminder," according to TabTimer managing director Jonathan Allott.

It also shows the full time, day, date, month and year to "avoid those repetitive questions about 'what time is it?'"

More info on 1300 822 864.



## DISPENSARY CORNER

### COMPULSORY filial love.

Chinese adults who fail to visit or contact their ageing parents may find themselves losing a little love from the Chinese government according to local media *CaixinOnline*.

New regulations set to take effect in Shanghai 01 May this year will require offspring to "visit and send greetings often" or face the prospect of losing some of their credit rating.

The move has been prompted by the mass exodus from regional China into big cities as younger people search for work and city life, deserting their parents, a particularly offensive thing to the Chinese extended-family culture.

Children are expected in Chinese society to support their parents financial and emotional well-being, *CaixinOnline* reported.

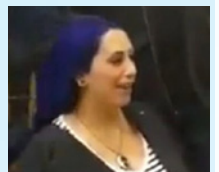
Since 2012, the majority of China's population has been located in cities with the over 65s population expected to swell to 330 million by 2050 from around 110 million today.

### GENDER revealing hairdresser.

People having their babies often go to great lengths to announce the gender of their unborn, having received notice in writing from their obstetrician.

Some refuse to look at the notification and hand the revealing responsibility to a cake-maker ready for a gender-reveal party or a sign-writer, to make the announcement.

One creative mother-to-be in the United States called upon her hairdresser to make the reveal - you can guess the gender from her coif - see the video **HERE**.



## 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 VIC or TAS to send the correct answer to [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au)

What is the largest shoe size that Milky Foot Active fits?

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