

## GuildCare milestone

**PHARMACY** professional services software provider GuildCare has announced the achievement of a major milestone having been reached this week, with over nine million professional services completed using GuildCare systems.

GuildLink ceo Ross Gallagher said all APP 2016 Pharmacy of the Year finalists use GuildCare and it was a great tribute to the increasing role community pharmacy is coming to play in providing primary healthcare.

"GuildCare has 29 professional service programs, including inhaler technique and vaccinations.

"At APP next month, we'll be announcing some very exciting new partnerships."

These will provide even more opportunities for pharmacists to develop their primary healthcare role as they draw on 6CPA funding, he explained.

The exact 6CPA wording reads, "Up to \$1.26 billion... for evidence-based, patient-focused professional pharmacy programs and services over the Term..."

Gallagher also said that more than 3,000 pharmacies use GuildCare to electronically record the positive health outcomes from professional services.

## Naloxone pharmacy guide

**NOW** that naloxone has been rescheduled to S3 and is consequently available over-the-counter since 01 Feb, the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has released a guide to inform pharmacists about the safe and effective supply of the product.

National president Joe Demarte said the naloxone guide would help to ensure pharmacists are aware of and can fulfil their professional responsibilities.

"The PSA naloxone guide will be a very useful tool for Australian pharmacists, who must also meet State-based legislative requirements," he said.

"Pharmacists are expected to exercise professional judgement in adapting the guidance to presenting circumstances."

The single-use, pre-filled naloxone syringe is designed to help save lives and represents an important step in harm minimisation, he added.

The PSA has also recorded a webinar by community pharmacist Angelo Pricolo, a CPD activity on the provision of naloxone as a Pharmacist-Only medicine and provided PSA members with links to additional supporting resources.

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## APC exam practice

**THE** Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) has announced the release of two further practice papers for two APC exams: the Intern Written Examination and the Competency Assessment of Overseas Pharmacist Examination (CAOP).

The practice papers can be downloaded as PDF's.

The practice papers for the KAPS examination (Paper 1 and Paper 2) will be released by mid-March 2016, APC said.

**CLICK HERE** and **HERE** to access.

The webinar recording discusses the signs and symptoms of opioid overdose, the pharmacology and administration of naloxone, and the role of the pharmacist in education to ensure safe and effective supply.

Additional resources on offer through the PSA site include COPE information for health professionals, a COPE opioid overdose response plan fact sheet and a COPE frequently asked questions page on the matter, as well as other general resources.

The Penington Institute has also provided two new overdose prevention video resources to educate people around how to recognise and respond to opioid overdose, including administering naloxone.

Go to [www.psa.org.au](http://www.psa.org.au) for access.

## China online sales up

**ASX-LISTED** companies with engagement with the Chinese consumer have risen dramatically as earnings have been lifted by online sales to China.

Many companies such as Blackmores and Swisse Wellness have profited strongly from baby formula exports but for online consumers logging on to Chinese shopping site Tmall, preferred Australian products are as diverse as food, wine and skincare products.

According to the *AFR*, skincare has occupied 40% of the market with vitamins and honey-based products the front-runners in the pursuit of safety and quality.

Hair and skincare company BWX, with flagship brand Sukin, Bellamy's Australia and The a2 Milk Company were named as among the big winners in the export business, supported by the softer Aust dollar.

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**8 Feb:** PSA Immunisation Training; Mantra Parramatta; see: [www.psa.org.au](http://www.psa.org.au)

**8-10 Feb:** 2016 Pharmeducation Clinical Update Seminar; Crowne Plaza Melbourne; see: [www.pharmeducation.com.au](http://www.pharmeducation.com.au)

**13-14 Feb:** Evidence Based Practice Seminar; Rydges Sydney Central; details at: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)

**19-21 Feb:** Foundation Clinical Pharmacy Practice; Novotel Brisbane; for more info visit: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)

**20 Feb:** Provide First Aid; UoNDRH Tamworth Education Centre; visit: [www.psa.org.au](http://www.psa.org.au)

**4-6 Mar:** NSW Annual Therapeutic Update; Crowne Plaza Terrigal; visit: [www.psa.org.au](http://www.psa.org.au)

**5-6 Mar:** Emergency Medicine Seminar; Crowne Plaza Melbourne; details at: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)

**12-13 Mar:** Oncology Seminar (foundation); Parmelia Hilton Perth; more info at: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)

**17-20 Mar:** Pharmacy Guild of Australia Annual National Conference APP 2016, Gold Coast - more information at: [www.appconference.com](http://www.appconference.com)

**15-17 Apr:** PharmHack: The world's first pharmacy hackathon; Fishburners, Ultimo; details at: [www.pharmhack.com.au](http://www.pharmhack.com.au)

## Opioid use up fourfold

**WHILE** the use of opioid analgesic use more than doubled worldwide in the decade to 2013, the use of common opioid painkillers such as codeine, morphine and oxycodone has more than quadrupled in Australia in the same period, according to research published this week in the *Lancet*.

Impediments to access and use were described as an absence of training and awareness in medical professionals, fear of dependence, financial limitations, sourcing concerns, cultural attitudes, fear of diversion, international trade controls, and burdensome regulation.

The study demonstrated that measured use was low in Africa, Asia, Central America, the Caribbean, South America, and eastern and southeastern Europe, the authors calling for management of the impediments to access, especially where there were large numbers of cancer patients needing pain relief.

"Ensuring access does not necessarily mean increased abuse and diversion, but it is necessary to maintain a balance between control on the one hand, and overly liberal availability on the other," the authors said.

The study was funded by the United Nations International Narcotics Control Board and included input from Professor Richard Mattick of the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre at UNSW Australia.

Mattick said, "The ageing populations and greater care for chronic non-cancer pain are likely drivers of increased use in high-income countries."

He added that in a developed society, health regulations and infrastructure generally contribute to greater access and higher use.

**CLICK HERE** for the abstract.

## Bioceuticals US launch

**PRACTITIONER-ONLY** nutritional supplements manufacturer BioCeuticals Australia has announced it will launch into the United States on Wed 10 Feb.

Company md Nathan Cheong has named Natural Partners as the official distributor in the US saying in the release that the partnership was based on the company's philosophies and values, which are aligned with those of BioCeuticals as well as their sophisticated channel strategy, systems, education and marketing focus.



## DISPENSARY CORNER

**MELBOURNE** man Andrew Taylor (**pictured** below) is vowing to eat nothing but potatoes for an entire year.

He freely acknowledges it's crazy - but he's doing it in hopes of repairing his food addiction.

"If you're a drug addict or an alcohol addict, the best thing you can do is stop using drugs or alcohol," he said.

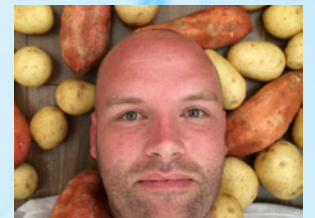
"I can't just stop eating, so I started thinking about getting as close to quitting food as possible".

He claims after sticking to the starchy vegetable diet for one month he has already lost 10kg.

And the weirdest thing about it all? He's not even sick of potatoes yet. He boils them, bakes them, mashes them and even makes pancakes.

Looks like Andrew would have gone well during the Irish famine.

You can follow his journey **HERE**.



**OUR** obsession with selfies is leading to a huge increase in people seeking work to correct their 'horsey' teeth.

The *Telegraph* reports dental surgeons are seeing a spike in people falsely believing they have protruding teeth - not realising it's simply their phone camera creating a distorted image.

The London Smile Clinic has seen a 30% demand for horsey teeth repair by potential patients who email selfies.

Take a tip from Kim Kardashian; learn to work those selfie angles and save yourself the dental fees.

## Win with Efamol

This week *Pharmacy Daily* and Efamol are giving away a bottle of Efamol Efalex Original Brain Formula 500mL liquid each day.

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