

UTS pharmacy survey

THE University of Technology Sydney's Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation is conducting a survey of pharmacists.

The online survey, expected to take 10-15 minutes, asks for professional opinions about providing advice and recommendations to consumers in managing common health problems.

All responses are confidential, and participants who complete all questions will be rewarded with a \$20 gift card - **CLICK HERE**.

FDA on compounding

THE US Food and Drug Administration has flagged a proposed ban on compounding of medications which are "essentially copies of commercially available or approved drug products".

The proposals would see the FDA implement restrictions on compounded copies of approved medications, with the organisation saying they pose a higher risk to patients because they have not been evaluated for safety, effectiveness and quality.

"Such compounding would also undermine the new drug approval and over-the counter drug monograph systems in the United States," the FDA said, with the proposals now open for a 90 day public comment period.

eRx previews MedView

ERX Script Exchange has flagged the upcoming launch of the new MedView Medicines Workspace, a portal which aims to bridge the medication gap between acute and community care.

The system will allow authorised health care providers to view hospital and pharmacy data at the same time, with the information able to be curated into a reconciled list which can be verified with additional input from the patient.

"In community pharmacy and GP clinics, it is not uncommon to see patients who are confused about what medications they should be taking according to their discharge summary," according to an overview on the eRx website.

"The MedView Medicines Workspace will help alleviate this problem by allowing doctors, pharmacists, hospitals, aged care settings and patients to have shared access to critical medicines information and services."

When patients move between community care and hospital and aged care, the absence of good quality and up to date clinical data can contribute to a higher risk of medication misadventures and unnecessary hospital readmissions.

"Medications reconciliation remains a largely manual process throughout Australia, providing a glaring reminder of the implications around the lack of shared clinical

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"Pillo" robot funded

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campaign to raise money for the commercialisation of a new 'Personal Home Health Robot' has almost achieved its US\$75,000 target.

Dubbed 'Pillo', the device is said to "empower people of all ages to better manage their health".

It can answer questions, connect users directly with healthcare professionals and "securely manage your vitamins and medication; storing, dispensing and even ordering refills when you need them," according to the blurb on fund-raising site Indiegogo.

Features include voice and facial recognition technology, secure storage, wireless connection to smart devices and a telemedicine interface.

The gadget can be pre-ordered, with earlybird pricing of US\$349 and it will also be available in a 'Developer Edition' giving the ability to add new capabilities to Pillo.



SHPA member elected to parliament

THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia has congratulated Emma McBride, who has been elected as the new Member of Dobell (NSW) in last weekend's Federal Election.

McBride was formerly the Chief Pharmacist at Wyong Hospital, and more recently the Deputy Director for Pharmacy for the Central Coast Local Health District.

The SHPA said McBride had told the organisation that the same motivation that drove her in her work as a pharmacist also drove her to stand up for her community - "to be a part of making things better".



Innovation event

THE Consumers Health Forum and the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association will next month host a Sydney workshop on consumer engagement in innovation and value creation in health care.

The event is designed to interest those who would like to develop their skills in engaging meaningfully with consumers and particularly those involved in creating health services, the CHF said.

For more, **CLICK HERE**.

WIN WITH CARMEX

This week Pharmacy Daily and Carmex are giving readers the chance to win a Carmex prize pack including a Click Stick, Jar, Tube, Moisture Plus in Sheer and Jasmine Green Tea, valued at \$31.95.

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- **Pharmacist** - Central Highlands, VIC (Job# 200013096)
Well paying role for a 2nd Pharmacist in regional centre with lifestyle services.
- **PIC Part time** - Canberra, ACT (Job# 200013125)
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Events Calendar

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- 11-12 Jul:** 11th Asia Pacific Diabetes Conference and Expo; Brisbane; visit: www.conferenceseries.com
- 14 Jul:** Thought Leadership in Pharmacy Networking event; Melbourne; for more info visit: www.eventbrite.com.au
- 14-16 Jul:** 5th Global Pharmacists Annual Meeting; Brisbane; details at: www.conferenceseries.com
- 22-24 Jul:** Foundation Clinical Pharmacy Practice Seminar; InterContinental Adelaide Hotel; for more info visit: www.cpd.shpa.org.au
- 24 Jul:** Stage 1 of MMR Accreditation; St Leonards; for more info visit: www.guild.org.au
- 29-31 Jul:** PSA16; Four Points by Sheraton Darling Harbour Sydney; more info at: www.psa.org.au
- 13-14 Aug:** Infectious Diseases Seminar; InterContinental Adelaide Hotel; for more info visit: www.cpd.shpa.org.au
- 18-19 Aug:** Pharmacy WA Forum; Crown Perth; for details visit: www.cvent.com
- 20-21 Aug:** Fitness & Health Expo; Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre; details at: www.fitnessexpo.com.au
- 27-28 Aug:** 2016 Pharmeducation Clinical Update Seminar; Crowne Plaza Coogee, Sydney; details at: www.pharmeducation.com.au

Friendlies WA flu success

THE Western Australian-based Friendlies Pharmacy group has delivered almost 17,500 influenza vaccinations during this year's flu season, with the demand for the service establishing "beyond doubt" that there is a public desire for alternatives to GP vaccinations.

That's the conclusion of Wayne Stone, General Manager Benefits Management with HBF, Australia's fourth largest health insurer which has supported the program.

He said there had been no reportable adverse events and thus "no barrier to a properly equipped and trained pharmacist" delivering the immunisations.

Friendlies has now undertaken almost 30,000 vaccinations over the last three years, with the company vowing to continue its quest for a relaxation in the current Over 18 only requirement.

Customer and HBF member

feedback has seen clients "very keen to see teenagers also able to access the service, and for a broadening generally in the immunisations able to be delivered," Stone said.

Friendlies has grown rapidly over the past year, adding nine new pharmacies to a total of 24 outlets, with further health service initiatives in the wings, including a new Type 2 Diabetes program launching this month.

Comvita competition

COMVITA is offering pharmacy staff the opportunity to win one of 11 'Winter Guardian' prizes.

There are ten \$100 Winter Guardian hampers, along with a grand prize of a Nike gift voucher and a hamper, with a total value of \$500 - for more information and to enter **CLICK HERE**.



GUILDCARE named Noosaville LiveLife pharmacy on Queensland's Sunshine Coast as its Pharmacy of the Month in May, highlighting the range of health services provided to the pharmacy's customers, many of whom are in the ageing demographic.

The pharmacy has a designated 'optimal care pharmacist' who spends time on the pharmacy floor, providing an opportunity to discuss

treatment options and conduct diabetes health checks.

The pharmacy also provides wound care services and performs MedsCheck and Compliance programs, giving patients a sense of accountability and an incentive to improve their health outcomes.

Pictured at the pharmacy are Jaclyn Molnar, managing pharmacist Amanda Gravalin, and Melissa Dadds.



Dispensary Corner

HERE'S a new way to stop your children from wandering too far without having to hook them up to a leash: The Kidpod.

A Utah team developed these Bluetooth wrist trackers (pictured below) which connect to a parent's smart phone and sound a loud alarm both on the child's band and adult's phone if your child roams out of a designated 'safe' area.

Parents can follow the beeping noise until they locate the runaway child.

People are pretty keen on the idea with several thousand already on a waiting list to be notified when the Kidpod is released later this year.

At US\$34.96 they're pretty affordable. **CLICK HERE** if you want to swap helicopter parenting for wireless parenting.



IF YOU'RE a male knocking back a litre of cola per day, you could be damaging your manhood, according to new research from Copenhagen University Hospital.

They found men addicted to the fizzy stuff had their sperm count drop by 30% and also experienced erectile difficulties.

The study, which looked at 2,554 men, surmises a sweetener in the drinks could damage arteries down there preventing blood flowing freely through the muscle.

Hard core cola drinkers had a sperm count of 35 million per millilitre compared to the 56 million average.