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## Today's issue of PD

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

## Alphapharm EpiPen expiry date alert

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration has issued a safety alert about an EpiPen Adrenaline Auto-injector produced by Alphapharm, after reports from several Victorian pharmacies that batch numbers and expiry dates on the product do not match.

TGA head Professor John Skerrett said that as a precautionary measure Alphapharm has been required to inform users, their carers and pharmacists about the issue and urge them to check that the expiry date on each EpiPen device is the same as on the carton.

"In consultation with the TGA the company has contacted all pharmacies in the small area of Victoria they distribute to and are investigating the discrepancy," Skerrett said.

While only a limited area appears to be affected at this stage, Skerrett said if expiry dates do not match the product should be returned to the place of purchase.

## PSA ACT intern of the year

**HAYLEY** Young from Capital Chemist University of Canberra has been named as the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia MIMS Intern of the Year.

She began her internship in 2014 after graduating with a Master of Pharmacy from the University of Canberra, and was commended by the PSA ACT Branch Committee for "demonstrating leadership, commitment and outstanding pharmacy service delivery as an intern."



Hayley is pictured centre with Dinah Graham of MIMS and Patrick Reid, PSA ACT Branch President.

## National Credentialing Prog

**THE** Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) has confirmed that a national Credentialing Program for Advanced Practice Pharmacists will roll out in Jun this year, following a successful pilot program.

The program will independently evaluate pharmacists against the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Framework (APPF) and award a recognised independent credential.

It will act to inform the public of the competence of advancing pharmacists.

The APC carried out the pilot program to evaluate a process of recognition of pharmacists who are advancing in their practice against the framework (**PD** 02 Nov 2015).

APC president Debra Rowett

## Last earlybirds rego

**TODAY** is the last day for earlybird registration for the 4th BioCeuticals Research Symposium, Revolutionary Strategies for Complex Diseases on 22-24 April at Sydney's Sheraton on the Park.

Pharmacists wishing to attend the symposium will save \$100 by booking now, the organisers said.

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hailed the program as "a robust and independent process to assure the competence and recognition of pharmacists in their pursuit of excellence through practice, leadership, education, research and collaboration to optimise outcomes from medicines to meet the public's health care needs".

Associate Professor Ian Coombes, Chair of the APC Advanced Practice Credentialing Committee said, "For professional development, there is no better way to identify your practice strengths and also your opportunities for further development, through an independent evaluation and feedback process against a national framework.

"Your portfolio is evaluated on your evidence of professional impact, not your reputation."

Applications for credentialing will open 01 Jun, for more info see [www.pharmacycouncil.org.au](http://www.pharmacycouncil.org.au).

## Two new AusPARs

**THE** TGA has listed two new Australian Public Assessment Reports (AusPARs).

The products are Teva Pharmaceuticals' immunostimulant Lonquex (lipegfilgrastim) indicated for reduction of febrile neutropenia in adults under certain conditions, and Janssen-Cilag's antineoplastic Velcade (bortezomib) powder for injection for multiple indications in combinations and as single therapy.

## Diabetes testing

**SIGMA** Pharmaceuticals has announced the results of its 'first-to-market' trial of in-pharmacy HbA1c testing in selected Amcal and Guardian stores across Australia.

The testing pilot, supported by Siemens Healthcare, Roche and Health Screen Solutions, took place between March and October 2015 but was not intended to replace existing pathology pathways for patients, said Sigma national professional services manager, James Neville.

While patients were asked to pay \$25 for the pharmacy-based service, many gave the feedback that they were happy to pay given the convenience.

"We were confident that the HbA1c in-store test would be well received by patients, pharmacists and GPs alike," Neville said.

"We received a number of positive responses from patients along with constructive feedback from GPs who saw value in the test and responded well to referrals."

Of the 204 patients tested by pharmacists as part of the pilot, Neville said 45% were referred on to their GP with 85% attending their doctor within six weeks and 15% requiring a medication change.

"The trial demonstrates that pharmacists can play an active role in both identifying at risk patients and raising awareness around better disease management," Neville added.

## Win with DESIGNER BRANDS

This week *Pharmacy Daily* and Designer Brands are giving away a Pro Brow Kit each day.

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### Murray River Loxton Cruise 2016

**CAPTAIN** Cook Cruises has announced the 2016 dates for its popular South Australian seven night Mannum to Loxton and Loxton to Mannum cruises onboard small ship paddle-wheeler the *Murray Princess*.

Mannum to Loxton operates Friday 25 Nov to 02 Dec, 2016.  
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This historic 339km voyage only operates once every year and follows in the wake of the great 19th century pioneers on a unique journey through three locks.

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## Terry White earnings soar

**TERRY** White Group Limited (TWG), the parent of the Terry White Chemists and Chemplus franchise brands, has announced earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation of \$3.59 million, up 371%.

Net Profit After Tax (NPAT) increased by 921% to \$1.53 million.

Retail sales through Terry White Chemists increased 18% on a like-for-like basis, significantly outperforming the industry average, while the overall network grew to 225 stores including the Chemplus acquisition.

TWG declared an interim dividend of 3 cents per share which was consistent with previous corresponding period.

Terry White Group ceo Anthony White said, "Over the last few years we've invested in our core retail

capabilities like systems, loyalty and private label to drive retail sales.

"It always takes a while, but now we are seeing the benefits of this investment. Retail sales are a growing component of total sales and now comprise almost half of total network sales, providing the pharmacy owners with a solid revenue stream to offset the effects of reforms to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme."

White added that the increase in EBITDA was supported by a growing and diversified revenue stream which was further supplemented by the acquisition of Chemplus during the period.

Further he explained that revenue from the company's private label strategy positively contributed to the strong growth compared to the prior period.

## Health Destination Pharmacy launches

**THE** Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has been rolling out its new Health Destination Pharmacy (HDP) as part of a national roadshow, which included a formal launch in Canberra last night.

HDP is designed to provide "everything a local pharmacy needs to increase their engagement with the community and better respond to and meet local health needs", the PSA said.

PSA ceo Dr Lance Emerson (pictured with PSA executive director of policy Dr Alison Roberts and PSA national president Joe Demarte) said the response from pharmacists during the national roadshow, which covered more than a thousand pharmacists in 17 capital city and regional locations over the past month, had been very positive.

"After engaging one-on-one with

hundreds of pharmacists there was a recurring theme of owners having invested in programs that promised to transform their pharmacy business but haven't worked.

"A driving force for PSA bringing Health Destination to market is we don't want to see pharmacy owners wasting limited funds of programs without evidence any longer".

Health Destination Pharmacy includes a tailored on-site coach to help drive the change process, and is tailored to individual pharmacies to provide health solutions that meet local community needs - see [healthdestinationpharmacy.com.au](http://healthdestinationpharmacy.com.au).



## DISPENSARY CORNER



**A PAIR** of twins in Vietnam has been found to have two different fathers, in an extremely rare case of what is technically known as 'heteropaternal superfecundation'.

The twins had their DNA tested after their family noticed they looked quite different, with the Hanoi-based Vietnam Genetic Association saying the results were "100% correct".

According to spokesman Professor Le Dinh Luong there are less than ten known cases of twins with different fathers, the BBC reported.

The phenomenon occurs when a woman produces multiple eggs in a single ovulation and they are fertilised by two different men within a short period of time.

Interestingly while it's very rare in humans, superfecundation is common in animals such as cats and dogs which sometimes produce litters in which every puppy or kitten has a different sire.

**AND** perhaps on a similarly promiscuous topic, an intriguing study published in the *Trends in Ecology and Evolution* journal has described how female flies save semen to influence later offspring.

Researchers found if a male neriid fly, either large or small, mated with a female fly before she was fertile, he'd pass his sperm along, but the immature eggs wouldn't be fertilised.

Two weeks later, if the female neriid fly copulated with a second male once her eggs had matured and laid eggs fertilised by his sperm, the resulting offspring would be closer in size to the first male.

Scientists attributed the occurrence to the chemicals in the first male's seminal fluid, which can play a role in early embryonic development.



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