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## SHPA survey

**THE** Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is about to release a survey to provide data supporting a review of the future scope of practice for pharmacy technicians and assistants working in hospitals.

SHPA ceo, Kristin Michaels said the survey had already been piloted on the National Pharmacy Technician Network to ensure the questionnaire design is robust, and it will now be distributed to hospitals across Australia.

The research will quantify differences in functions and future expectations as well as supporting a review of legislative and industrial frameworks, Michaels explained.

She said the outcome would help plan education and development of the pharmacy workforce to support emerging needs in hospitals.

## Win with CleanEars

This week *Pharmacy Daily* and CleanEars are giving away a prize pack of two bottles of CleanEars each day.

CleanEars is a clinically proven ear wax removal spray that is suitable for infants, children and adults.

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To win, be the first from WA to send the correct answer to the question to [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au)

What ages can  
use CleanEars?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner,  
Kerry Polkinghorne from Think Pharmacy  
Moreton Bay.



## Pharmacy vax now national

**THE** ratification of pharmacy vaccinations by the Victorian government (*PD* breaking news yesterday) has brought the state into line with all other Australian jurisdictions in allowing immunisations by pharmacists.

The move was welcomed as a "major public health boost for the state" by the Victorian branches of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the Pharmaceutical Society (PSA).

Pharmacist vaccination was detailed yesterday in the Victoria Government Gazette, requiring pharmacists to satisfactorily complete the assessment of an 'Immuniser program of study' as well as having recency of practice and continuing professional development in immunisation.

The immunisations can take place in a hospital, community pharmacy or general practice or immunisation clinic, with approval granted for adult administration of influenza and pertussis-containing vaccines.

PSA Vic president Ben Marchant said the move was a breakthrough that would help members of the community who would previously not have been vaccinated.

And Pharmacy Guild Victorian branch president, Anthony Tassone, said with community pharmacies one of the most accessible primary healthcare destinations in Australia,

## NMS next week

**NPS** MedicineWise will host the ninth annual National Medicines Symposium in Canberra next week - program at [nps.org.au/nms2016](http://nps.org.au/nms2016).

"it makes sense that we better utilise the community pharmacy network to help deliver quality health outcomes for Victorians."

"The PSA and the Guild look forward to working closely with the Minister and the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services to implement this and other vital health initiatives through community pharmacy in the future," he said.

## Pharmacy and opioids

**THE** majority of opioids in Australia are supplied direct to patients through community pharmacy, according to a research project referenced in this week's National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) annual report 2015.

The year-long study began last Jul, and is titled *Expanding the capacity of community pharmacy to respond to pharmaceutical opioid problems*.

A number of pharmacists are included in the Project Expert Group including Angelo Pricolo and Denis Leahy from the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Michelle Lynch from the PSA along with several international experts in the field.

The study aims to develop an understanding of pharmacists' attitudes and confidence in different areas of harm reduction including naloxone supply.

Another study, called the Poppy Project, examined the patterns and costs of PBS-subsidised opioid use, including extra-medical use, in the Australian population.

**CLICK HERE** to access the report.

## AFT expands further

### AUSTRALIA-BASED AFT

Pharmaceuticals has extended its existing agreements with privately-owned Swiss headquartered multinational pharmaceutical company, Acino Pharma AG, to out-license the product line of its patented combination painkiller, Maxigesic, to a further 11 countries, bringing the total to 109 markets.

New countries covered by the agreement are primarily in the Commonwealth of Independent State region, namely Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Georgia.

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### Bisolvon Dry Forte Liquid

Bisolvon **Pholcodine Dry Forte Liquid** is a high strength addition to the Bisolvon brand, available in Australian pharmacies from early May. Bisolvon Pholcodine Dry Forte Liquid provides soothing relief from stubborn dry, tickly coughs and comes in a pleasant peach flavour. Each single dose contains 4mg pholcodine, per 1mL. This high strength dose enables the convenience of up to 8-hour dosing and means you use less per dose.

Stockist: 1800 226 315

RRP: \$15.00 for 200mL

Website: [www.bisolvon.com.au](http://www.bisolvon.com.au)



### Activance Baby Shampoo & Bodywash

Activance **Baby Shampoo & Bodywash** is an ultra-gentle shampoo and body wash formulated with lavender and calendula oils to soothe and cleanse children's sensitive skin. It is free from common irritants like sodium lauryl sulphate and sodium laureth sulphate, parabens, phthalates, betaines, petrochemical cleaners, silicones, mineral oils, and synthetic colouring and fragrance.

Stockist: 03 9326 8844

RRP: \$15.00 for 100mL

Website: [www.activance.com.au](http://www.activance.com.au)

### Kids Probiotic Powder

Bioglan **Kids Probiotic Powder** is a children's probiotic powder supplement designed to replenish beneficial bacteria and assist with stomach upsets, enhance digestive health and support the immune system, the company states. Formulated with manuka honey, the powder is naturally sweet enough to enjoy on its own as well as in drinks, yoghurt and even on breakfast cereal.

Stockist: 02 9997 1466

RRP: \$19.95

Website: [www.bioglan.com.au](http://www.bioglan.com.au)



### Guess Night for men

Guess **Night** is a masculine fragrance that features a seductive combination of spicy, woody, heady and energetic notes. Hints of hot pepper, grapefruit and vetiver complement the aroma of geranium and patchouli, for a classic scent with a modern twist. The bottle features strong electric blue edging and an electric blue nozzle.

Stockist: 1800 812 663

RRP: from \$39.00 for 30mL

Website: [www.cotyaustralia.com.au](http://www.cotyaustralia.com.au)

## DISPENSARY CORNER



**PEOPLE** give Chris Lloyd (pictured below) a double take everywhere he goes because they can literally hear him ticking.

When his faulty heart valve was replaced with a new mechanical one during surgery the British man was left with a loud tick-tocking noise in his chest.

"It's like I've swallowed a clock - I'm like the crocodile in Peter Pan," he told *The Daily Mail*.

People look to his wrist at first thinking it's a loud watch and are gobsmacked when he tells them that it's actually him ticking away.

His surgeon said it could take him about half a year to adjust to the distracting noise.

His wife is understandably struggling to sleep with the backdrop of his clock-like heart.

He says the noise is a small price to pay to still be alive.



**A KNOCK** on the head might not be conventional medical treatment but it's just what Mary Ann Franco needed.

A blind woman from Florida regained her sight after slipping and falling on her head.

The 70-year-old became blind after injuring her spine in a car accident in 1993.

She realised she had regained her sight when she came around from surgery on her neck.

"I'm the happiest woman in the whole world," she said.

The theory is the accident may have restricted blood flow to the part of the brain controlling vision & the neck surgery "unkinked" it.

Check out the full story [HERE](#).