

## BioCeuticals ceo gong

**NATHAN** Cheong (pictured), md of Australia's nutritional and therapeutic supplements company, BioCeuticals, has won Managing Director of the Year 2016 in The CEO Magazine Executive Awards.

Under Cheong's guidance, BioCeuticals has in the past year grown 23% in a market that is only growing at 2-3%, the company said.

The fifth annual CEO Magazine awards were held in Sydney last week recognising the efforts of business leaders, both new and veteran, and rewarding those who made a notable difference in the corporate world during the 15/16 financial year.



## Terry White board evolves

**FOUNDER** and chair of the Terry White Group (TWG) Terry White and his



wife and co-founder Rhonda White will take more of a back seat in a restructure of the group's board of directors, announced at the Annual General Meeting.

Current deputy chair and independent non-executive director Ron Higham will become chairman of the Board in place of Terry White who will remain on the Board as deputy chair.

Rhonda White will also step down as a director as will non-executive director Adrian Staltari.

Terry White said following its merger with Chemmart, which doubled the size of the group to approximately 500 pharmacies, he believed it was an appropriate time to reshape the Board to lead the company through its next stage of development.

"Ron Higham has been a director with TWG for the last seven years and he has been a tremendous influence and driving force behind the company's achievements and has been instrumental in guiding the growth of the business," he said.

While Rhonda White is stepping down as a director, she will continue to provide expert advice and guidance to the group.

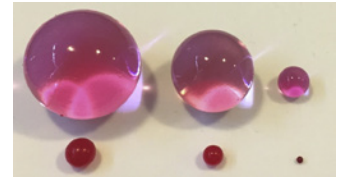
"Without Rhonda's leadership, business acumen and visionary approach over the years, we wouldn't be where we are today."

Staltari was also thanked for his contribution around developing the group into a "significant and growing force in the pharmacy industry".

White said he believed TWG had a very exciting future ahead, adding "I am looking forward to remaining on the Board as Deputy Chair as we enter this next exciting stage in our growth".

## Water bead dangers

**MARKETED** as toys and learning aids for autistic children, water beads which have the capacity to swell to up to 400 times their original size (pictured), are the subject of a parental warning in the *Medical Journal of Australia*.



The NSW Poisons Information Centre (NSWPIC) at Westmead Children's Hospital has highlighted a rapid increase in incidents in recent years involving ingestion of the water-absorbing beads.

Since 2004, 129 incidents involving the beads have been reported to NSWPIC, with the vast majority (112 or 87%) since 2013.

Serious bowel obstruction and other complications have occurred in children who have swallowed the water beads.

## Japan joins GMP pact

**COLLABORATION** on Good Manufacturing Practice inspections of pharmaceutical manufacturers between the European Medicines Agency and its international partners is to be expanded to include Japan's Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Agency.

The cooperation sees participants share information on inspections of manufacturers of active pharmaceutical ingredients located in foreign jurisdictions.

The Japanese agency now joins the global collaboration which also includes the US FDA, Health Canada, the World Health Organization and Australia's TGA.

## TGA Kamini warning

**THE** Therapeutic Goods Administration has issued a formal warning about Multani Kamini Vidrawan Ras tablets and Ayurvedant Kamini Vidrawan Ras tablets, saying they pose a serious risk to health containing substances that are only available by prescription in Australia.

Consumers have been advised they are both prohibited imports, with the TGA working with the Australian Border Force to stop future shipments from entering the country.

## Sydney pharmacy international profile

**SYDNEY** University's Faculty of Pharmacy was one of six schools across the globe to be profiled this month at the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) meeting in Denver, USA.

The faculty created a special video to showcase its research and contribution to the field of pharmacy, which can be viewed at [pharmacydaily.com.au/videos](http://pharmacydaily.com.au/videos).

## Pharmacists activate

**PROTEST** marches against a decision by the Central Standard Drugs Control Organisation (CDSCO) in India, will be enacted by registered pharmacists, pharmacy students in the country and informed leaders of various associations, according to *Pharmabiz.com*.

The CDSCO has amended the Pharmacy and D&C Acts to enable unqualified persons to handle pharmacies under the pretext of a shortage of qualified pharmacists.

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## Dispensary Corner

**MEDICAL** testing can now be conducted on the run - literally. Perspiration is the body's normal response to overheating during exercise or even just normal day to day activity, and holds the key to understanding one's health status on many parameters. An international team of scientists has developed the first stick-on patch (pictured) that analyses sweat to provide detailed information about dehydration, electrolyte, sweat rate, and fatigue levels, they report in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*.

**CLICK HERE** for the abstract.



**ALL** men have been axed from Mexico's State Transit Police, to make way for an entirely female team.

Reason being? Apparently women are less corrupt than their male counterparts who had been bribing people.

There are now nearly 400 women in the force.

According to The Director of Transit Police for Mexico State, Rosalba Sanchez Velazquez, putting woman in charge has made for some hugely positive changes.

"For every 100 complaints that there used to be, now there is only one or two," she said.

"Women do seem to be less corrupt," she says.

## GSK named API supplier of the year



API held its Supplier Excellence Awards in Melbourne last Fri, with GSK taking out the Supplier of the Year category.

API md Stephen Roche highlighted GSK's continuous growth across categories along with "first to market opportunities, exclusive launches and compelling product offers," which made it a stand out choice for the top gong.

GSK also took out the Health

Supplier of the Year category, while other winners included L'Oreal, Swisse, Bayer, Beiersdorf, Procter & Gamble, Fit BioCeuticals, Merck Sharp & Dohme, The Proactiv Company and Reckitt Benckiser.

Pictured at the awards are, from left: Stephen Roche, API; Nancy Colaneri, Yasir Zia, Kate Jordan and Karl Hanssenn from GSK; Liz Webster, API gm merchandise; and Richard Vincent, API ceo-elect.



## Weekly Comment

Welcome to PD's weekly comment feature.

This week's contributor is **Jonathan Mays**, national professional services manager at Amneal Pharmaceuticals.



### As a DAA service increases how to move to automation and why

**WHILE** the conversation around automation for your DAA operation is not new, there are now more options available than ever to meet your requirements.

When considering the alternatives available for DAA automation, there are many variables that need to be considered, such as which DAA presentation fits your business best - blister packs or sachets, the amount of space that is required to accommodate a robot, the cost of hardware and software, financing options, and ongoing costs such as service and maintenance agreements.

While gathering all of this information be sure to ask your DAA automation supplier what they can do to help drive your DAA volumes, to ensure that you maximise your return on investment.

Seek out a supplier with dedicated DAA consultants, who have established DAA growth and patient engagement programs that will guide you and your staff on the automation journey, and ensure that you establish a DAA operation that can achieve and exceed your DAA growth targets.

The right DAA packing automation solution will greatly improve your DAA pack output, scale your business for DAA growth and ensure you are less reliant of skilled staff members, while improving packed accuracy and overall DAA quality.

## Win with australis

This week *Pharmacy Daily* and australis are giving readers each day the chance to win both shades of Australis Match maker Shade Adjusting Drops.

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