

UTS PhD scholarships

UNIVERSITY of Technology Sydney has announced an extensive new PhD scholarship program for its Graduate School of Health, commencing in Jan.

Nine new scholarships will be offered, spanning the school's current research fields including pharmaceutical science, pharmacy practice, psychology, orthoptics and physiotherapy.

"We seek outstanding candidates with excellent academic records to become health leaders of the future, creating new and innovative solutions to some of the world's most difficult problems," the university said.

Each scholarship of \$26,288 pa is for three years, with applications closing Oct 31.

Candidates are offered 11 potential pharmacy supervisors with a range of research specialisations including quality use of medicines, pharmacy and nursing, pharmacy practice and education, and consumer pharmaceutical self-care.

For full details **CLICK HERE**.

TGA RMIT lecture

A **PRESENTATION** given by Dr Mandvi Bharadwaj, Immunobiology Section, Laboratories Branch, Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) to the RMIT, Biomedical Engineering in August has been posted on the TGA website.

It gives an introduction to the regulation of medical devices, biologicals, and the manufacture of therapeutic goods in Australia.

CLICK HERE to access the presentation slide set.

PSA Code of Ethics review

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) is calling upon interested stakeholders to give feedback on its proposed revised Code of Ethics for pharmacists.

PSA has commenced the process of review by creating a revised draft of the Code "to ensure the Code is consistent with the ethical requirements of contemporary pharmacist practice, and reflects the expectations of Australian healthcare consumers."

Input is sought from interested individuals and organisations, including members of the pharmacy profession as well as consumers, other health professional groups and practitioners, educators, researchers and government bodies, PSA says.

The Code of Ethics for pharmacists applies to every pharmacist irrespective of the role, scope,



level or location of practice the Society emphasised, including interns and pharmacy students in supervised practice or clinical placements.

Significant changes to note in the proposed new Code is the "alignment of the Code's Principles to three ethical values pertinent to professionalism, namely Care, Integrity and Capability, with the revised Code seeking to articulate the behaviours that encompass these values in pharmacy practice".

The review also refocuses on patient-centred collaborative care and is designed to ensure that public trust in the profession continues to be enhanced.

Acknowledging Federal Department of Health funding for the project, the PSA said the revised Code would be open until 11 Nov, with draft Code accessible online at psa.org.au and feedback via an online survey.

SHPA applications

THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia has received 32 applications from hospitals and health services for the inaugural SHPA Residency Program intake (**PD** 15 Sep).

SHPA president Michael Dooley said the strong response "shows how mature and forward thinking the profession is," with the applications from metropolitan, rural and regional hospitals and health services in every state as well as the ACT.

Immunisation science

LIES misinformation and fear that is peddled by the anti-vaccination movement are put to rest in a new resource made available from the Australian Academy of Science, titled *The Science of Immunisation: Questions and Answers*, providing "compelling evidence about the benefits of immunisation to the health of children and the community".

The publication was launched yesterday at Parliament House by Health Minister Sussan Ley, the president of the Australian Academy of Science Professor Andrew Holmes, AMA president Dr Michael Gannon and Nobel Prize winner Professor Peter Doherty.

Gannon said the booklet, a rework of the Academy's 2012 publication of the same name, was the perfect response to anti-vaccination lobbyists.

"Immunisation saves lives. That is an undeniable fact," Gannon said.

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Ego takes out export award

EGO Pharmaceuticals managing director Alan Oppenheim was presented with the Victorian Exporter of the Year award by Governor of Victoria Linda Dessau in a ceremony at Government House last week.

The awards recognised the efforts of the state's lead exporters across twelve categories.

Ego, which increased export sales by 31% on the previous year exporting to 27 countries across the Asia-Pacific, the Middle East and Europe, took out the award



ahead of more than 50 of the state's exporters from a range of sectors, including agriculture, manufacturing, education, digital technology and health.

The company now goes into the 54th Australian Export Awards to be announced on 24 Nov.

The pharmaceutical sector was well represented at the awards, with Swisse Wellness also taking out the E-Commerce category in recognition of its strategy which has seen sales to China increase tenfold over the last two years - making the company the number one health brand on China's Alibaba platform.

Pictured from left during the awards ceremony are Ego md Alan Oppenheim and Victorian state governor Linda Dessau.

Caffeine fuels brains

WOMEN 65 years and over who consume above the median level of caffeine per day have lower odds of probable dementia or cognitive impairment, according to a US study published in *The Journals of Gerontology*.

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TGA NSAID warning update

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is reviewing the wording of advisory statements to create more consistency around the effects of NSAIDs in connection with miscarriage or spontaneous abortion.

The move follows a review of the Product Information (PI) documents and package warnings for all NSAIDs, including comparisons of Australian and international PIs, published literature and therapeutic guidelines and an analysis of case reports from the TGA Adverse Drug Reactions System database.

The TGA seeks comments from interested parties on the wording of an additional advisory statement for the NSAID range of medicines, namely diclofenac, flurbiprofen, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, mefenamic acid and naproxen for oral use, proposing the inclusion of the statement *Do not use if likely to become pregnant or during the first six months of pregnancy except on doctor's advice. Do not use at all in the last 3 months of pregnancy.*

The Australian Self-Medication Industry responded to the NSAIDs review, saying it was not prompted by new evidence, but rather aims to achieve consistency among label warnings for NSAIDs.

Consequently the label warnings will apply to period pain-specific NSAID products, which are

currently not required to carry a warning about using them if likely to become pregnant.

In addition, the TGA is similarly consulting on proposed new Required Advisory Statements for Medicine Labels for combinations of paracetamol and ibuprofen.

Both consultations have a closing date of 22 Nov, with submissions able to be uploaded online or submitted in hardcopy by post.

For more info see tga.gov.au.

CWH location push

CHEMIST Warehouse says much of the extensive regulation of pharmacy in Australia has had the effect of raising costs for consumers, preventing innovation in the industry and curtailing investment.

In the CWH submission to the Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation, the group contends that the "heavy-handed regulation" imposed on the industry could threaten its long-term viability.

Chemist Warehouse's submission also includes a report from Deloitte Access Economics on the current distribution of retail pharmacies, which concludes that the current ownership and location rules are counter-productive, distort the market and are ineffective in achieving their objectives.

To see the document **CLICK HERE**.

Win with australis

This week Pharmacy Daily and australis are giving readers each day the chance to win a pack of Bright Eyes Illuminating Under Eye Concealer.

Want to brighten eyes, bring radiance to the skin and erase any signs of fatigue? Of course! Australis Bright Eyes Illuminating Under Eye Concealer is available in two shades that suit all skin tones – Banana and Musk – and are both equally effective. The yellow of the banana is perfect for banishing dark under eye circles and correcting redness. The pink hues of the musk accentuates & highlights features, and is a secret weapon in creating a gorgeous, luminescent healthy glow.

To win, be the first from WA to send the correct answer to the question to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au

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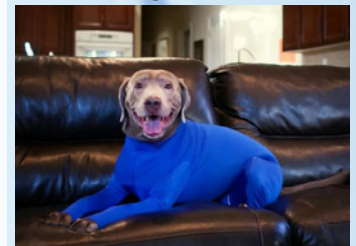
LOVE furry animals but don't enjoy allergic reactions to their fur moulting around the house?

Here's a novel solution you could try on your beloved pet; the dog leotard.

The shed defender (modelled by a canine **pictured** below) was developed by US man Tyson Walters as a solution to the "tumbleweeds of hair" his huge Saint Bernard was shedding around the house and in his car.

"I looked around on the internet and dog stores and I couldn't find a solution to my product, so I decided to make one," he said.

Apparently pink is one of their "hottest selling" colours.



A WILD ride on a roller coaster can now be prescribed as a successful treatment to get patients to pass kidney stones.

A study by Michigan State University urologist David Warington found the ride has a 70% success rate.

"Basically, I had patients telling me that after riding a particular roller coaster at Walt Disney World, they were able to pass their kidney stone," he explains in the *Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*.

After testing the theory on 174 kidney stones of varying shapes, sizes and weights he is now convinced that "rough, quick coasters with some twisted turns but no upside down movements" are ideal for passing the stones.

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