

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news, our regular health & beauty feature plus a full page from **Pharmacy Solutions**.

Trials key benefit

THE cost of clinical trials looking at gaps in medical evidence is outweighed almost sixfold by the savings that flow from the health improvements experienced by patients, as well as the direct savings to the health system and the wider economy.

A new report launched yesterday by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care and the Australian Clinical Trials Alliance analysed 25 local trials initiated by clinicians, finding if the results were implemented in just two thirds of the relevant patient groups for one year, \$1.4b would be saved through improved patient health outcomes - plus a further \$580m in health savings.

See safetyandquality.gov.au.

New compounding guideline

THE Pharmacy Board of Australia has released its long-awaited guideline on the Compounding of Sterile Injectable Medicines, with the document replacing the section 'Expiry of compounded parenteral medicines' in the Board's *Guidelines on compounding of medicines*.

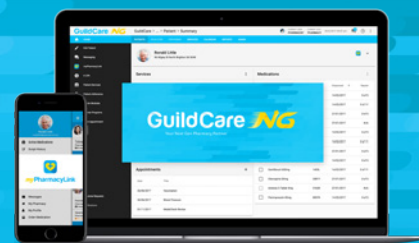
The subject of extensive consultation, the revised guidance will come into effect on 01 Feb 2018, with a six month implementation period "so pharmacists can become familiar with the content and implement any required changes in their compounding practice".

In Apr 2015 the Board postponed implementation of the section on expiry of compounded parenteral medicines after feedback from stakeholders that the document would inhibit or impact access to compounded injectables.

Since then the Board has undertaken several rounds of further feedback on a draft guidance document (**PD** 29 Jul

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2015, **PD** 02 Feb 2016, **PD** 05 Sep 16 and **PD** 23 Dec 16).

The final guidance document "highlights the importance of compliance with relevant standards and processes that support assigning appropriate beyond use dates for compounded sterile injectable medicines," the Board said in a statement yesterday.

"The Board is of the view that the guidance provides appropriate safeguards for the public while supporting access to these medicines by patients," it added.

Currently the revised guidance is available as a standalone document in the Codes, Guidelines and Policies section of the Board website at pharmacyboard.gov.au.

Once it becomes implemented on 01 Feb next year it will be incorporated into the full set of *Guidelines on compounding of medicines*.

A Frequently Asked Questions document is also available for download by **CLICKING HERE**.

Statins NICE for CKD

HEALTHCARE professionals are being urged to offer statins to millions of people with chronic kidney disease (CKD) to help manage their increased risk of cardiovascular disease, says the UK's National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE).

CKD is associated with ageing and affects around 2.6 million people in England while approximately 60,000 people die prematurely each year because of the disease.

NICE deputy chief executive Professor Gillian Leng said: "We know that a high number of people with long-term kidney problems will develop cardiovascular disease."

"This means they have an increased risk of suffering a fatal heart attack or stroke."

"It is important for healthcare professionals to speak to patients about their treatment options."

"The effectiveness of statins is now well proven, as is their long term safety."

"They may appeal to a lot of people who are at risk."

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Top pharmacy performers



LAST weekend's PSA17 conference in Sydney included the announcement of the PSA MIMS Intern Pharmacist of the Year, with joint winners named at this year's event.

Western Australia's Carolyn Glazier and ACT-based Seema Khiani took out the award which recognises outstanding performance in their development as professional pharmacists, acting as role models amongst Early Career Pharmacists.

Glazier is completing her internship at Gerald Burns Pharmacy in Perth, while Khiani completed her internship at Canberra's Capital Chemist Charnwood.

The other finalists in the award included Veronica Moss, Queensland; Robert Scarso from Victoria; Tasmania's Laura Perry; and Sankit Laiseta, SA/NT.

"All the state finalists were outstanding and came from a broad cross section of pharmacy practice," said MIMS business development director Dinah Graham.

"Each year MIMS has sponsored this award the calibre of applicants has improved," she added, with MIMS providing the

\$4,000 educational grant prize for the award.

Graham is **pictured** above with Khiani (left) and Glazier at PSA17.

MEANWHILE it was a "tale of two Jessicas" for the Pharmacy Student of the Year award at the conference, which was won by Jessica Bailey of Victoria, while the People's Choice Award for 2017 went to NSW's Jessica Joseph (both **pictured** below).

The 2017 Pharmacy Student of the Year competition was jointly sponsored by API and Mylan, with PSA president Shane Jackson congratulating all the winners who he said were "set to become future leaders of the profession".



Hospitals untapped resource

THE interim report of the Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation "fails to acknowledge or leverage the pivotal role of hospital pharmacists in ensuring Australians have appropriate and convenient access to medicines", according to the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA).

In a submission responding to the interim report, the hospital pharmacy group reaffirmed the crucial value of including SHPA in Community Pharmacy Agreement (CPA) negotiations and decisions, while highlighting management of transitions of care between hospitals and the community and prioritising the development of Home Medicine Reviews (HMRs) as key aspects of the King Review.

SHPA chief executive Kristin Michaels says SHPA's response was driven by the unique position of hospital pharmacists as "progressive advocates for clinical excellence" and being "committed to evidence-based practice".

"As a vital stakeholder group, managing significant Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) resources and trained to most appropriately initiate and manage the transition of care to the community setting, it is crucial the role of hospital pharmacists in ensuring Quality Use of Medicines is recognised through the involvement of SHPA in CPA negotiations," Michaels said.

She added hospital pharmacists are equipped to influence a reduction in the 230,000 medicine-related hospital admissions per year in Australia, which cost the health budget \$1.2b annually.

"Hospital pharmacists are an untapped resource in efforts to deliver truly patient-centred care, a goal which recognises people need considered guidance and support upon hospital discharge to ensure they can access and use the medicines they need," she said.

Michaels says SHPA will continue to welcome support of hospital-initiated HMR referral pathways, as expressed by the Review panel.

"It is important the proven value of medication review is fully realised by increasing access for high-risk patients through funding hospital initiated HMRs," she said, citing numerous international examples of how this had led to improved transitional care.

HSR consult extension

STAKEHOLDERS now have an additional two weeks to provide input on the national Health Star Rating (HSR) system, as the public consultation is extended until 17 Aug, the Health Department has announced.

The consultation opened on 08 Jun this year and is part of a five-year review of the system.

Submit at health.gov.au.

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Dispensary Corner

VITAMIN B is clearly popular with British holidaymakers, with an airport in the UK revealing the most common food item confiscated from carry-on luggage was jars of Marmite.

The yeast extract product was declared as the object of a "Marmite Amnesty" this week at London City Airport, with the one day stunt offering travellers the opportunity to swap jars exceeding the 100ml limit for a travel-friendly 70 gram miniature (pictured).



OFFICIALS in China have apprehended a 59-year-old woman who is alleged to have undergone extensive plastic surgery in order to avoid paying her debts.

Zhu Najuan allegedly absconded from Wuhan to Shenzhen, after a court ordered her to pay more than \$4.5m to creditors.

Police tracked her to the southeastern city, with officers reportedly "astonished" at Zhu's appearance when they found her.

"We were very surprised at the scene," said one policeman, according to a *Xinhua* report.

"She looked in her thirties and was different from the photos we had," he added.

The woman confessed to using other people's identity cards as she travelled across China by train, and financed the plastic surgery using borrowed credit cards.

Health, Beauty and New Products

Welcome to our weekly promoted feature with all the latest health, beauty and new products for pharmacy. Suppliers wanting to promote products in this feature should email newproducts@pharmacydaily.com.au

Milkman 'Spring Rider' After Shave

It's here - the all new fragranced **Spring Rider After Shave Serum** combines a daily moisturiser to hydrate, protect and nourish with an alcohol-free after shave to soothe, tighten and tone the skin. With ingredients like witch hazel, aloe vera and allantoin, it contains some of the most sought-after post shave ingredients. In addition it's packed with high-end moisturisers and antioxidants you would usually expect to see in a much more expensive day creams including hyaluronic acid, kakadu plum extract, beta glucan plus vitamins E and B5. All this together with a special Spring fragrance, and other seasonal fragrances to come.



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