



## Still no detail on Pharmacy Trial

**THE** Health Department says it's unable to provide any update on the progress of Tranche 2 of the \$50 million Pharmacy Trial Program - despite the department's [health.gov.au](http://health.gov.au) site continuing to promise that notifications to successful applicants would be finalised by last month.

The funding was provided under the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement, with an Approach to Market opening on 25 Oct 2016.

Applications closed late last year (**PD** 15 Dec 2016) and in Mar 2017 the department said after an evaluation process the successful applicants would be advised in May.

Almost a month after that deadline, an update issued last night on the 6CPA professional services programs (**see page 2**) has confirmed that the "assessment process has commenced".

However in order to "maintain the integrity" of the process no more information can be provided at this time, the department said.

## New Professional Standards

**THE** Pharmaceutical Society of Australia has released revised Professional Practice Standards (PPS) for pharmacists, with version five developed following a comprehensive review process.

The release of PPS V5 reflects the important role pharmacists play in Australia's evolving health sector, according to Project Advisory Group chair Grant Kardachi.

"There is a renewed focus on patient-centred collaborative care, and several new standards detail emerging professional activities such as vaccination and minor ailment services," he said.

The document now includes four key streams: Foundations of Practice; Providing Therapeutic Goods; Providing Health Information; and Delivering Professional Services.

PPS V5 has been endorsed by the Pharmacy Board of Australia, with Kardachi urging all pharmacists to familiarise themselves with the new standards and "use them to

assess and guide their practice as a means to optimising their contribution to improve the health of all Australians".

He said a number of practice support tools to assist with implementing PPS V5 are scheduled for release next month.

The PSA recognised the significant contribution of the Project Advisory Group members and the Standard Review Groups, and thanked the many individuals and organisations that contributed to the review through the public consultation process.

Access PPS V5 at [psa.org.au](http://psa.org.au).

## Self-care study

**NEW** research from the University of Sydney has found pharmacists are likely to recommend an appropriate alternate non-prescription medicine when presented with a request for an OTC item by customers.

The study involved 61 third year BPharm students who undertook mystery shops of pharmacies in the Sydney metropolitan region from Mar-Oct 2015.

Students presented with a direct product request for a non-prescription medicine relating to a common ailment, with details of the interaction and product sold recorded for analysis.

Modification - change in brand, companion sale or intra/interclass change - occurred in 49% of visits.

A request for a product that was considered "not appropriate" was significantly more likely to result in a modification than a request for an "appropriate" OTC medicine.

The study was reported in *Research in Social & Administrative Pharmacy* - abstract at [rsap.org](http://rsap.org).

## Cannabis Council

**THE** new Medical Cannabis Council (**PD** 14 Jun) will formally launch tomorrow night 22 Jun in Melbourne, with the aim of being a unifying voice for the industry to engage with governments and the community on all matters concerning medical cannabis.



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### Q&A on GMP code

**THE** Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) medicinal products code Questions and Answers segment of the Department of Health's website has been updated to now include sections on dose administration aids (DAAs) and compounded medicines.

The department says the Q&A will be updated as further experience is received by the Manufacturing Quality Branch, but if there are outstanding questions not answered in the Q&A, they can be emailed to the Manufacturing Quality Branch at [gmp@tga.gov.au](mailto:gmp@tga.gov.au).



### \$6,400 genetic test

**THE** Garvan Institute's Sydney-based Genome.One lab yesterday launched a new 'whole genome sequencing' test which is claimed to provide genetic insight into a person's propensity to develop a range of serious diseases including heart conditions and cancer.

Costing \$6,400 the genome sequencing also provides details on a subject's response to 220 medications, with the fee including genetic counselling and a comprehensive health assessment.

Genome.One says the added insight provided by the genetic testing can "empower individuals to take control and more proactively manage their health".

## Major 6CPA program changes

**THE** Health Department overnight confirmed significant changes to professional services funded under the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement, with the "redesign" of a number of existing programs effective from next month.

Changes apply to Dose Administration Aids, Staged Supply, MedsCheck, Diabetes MedsCheck and Home Medicine Reviews, covered by \$825 million over three years under the *Improving Access to Medicines - support for community pharmacies* measure.

\$600 million of this is being provided to continue existing programs - but they have been changed "to support the collection of information to assist with assessment of the effectiveness of these services".

For **Dose Administration Aids** the current Pharmacy Practice Incentive payment will end on 30 Jun 2017.

Instead, from 01 Jul community pharmacies participating in the DAA program will receive a fee of \$6 per patient per week as a contribution towards the cost of providing the service to patients that meet the eligibility criteria.

In addition pharmacies will be required to collect data for five patients that receive services, with a \$31.90 payment at patient registration (for five patients) and a further \$31.90 at a six month follow

up point.

The current incentive payment for **Staged Supply** of \$1,300 will also cease on 30 Jun, and thereafter participating community pharmacies will receive a new weekly fee-for-service per patient for up to four eligible patients per pharmacy.

Payments of \$31.90 will also be made for collection of data at patient registration and at a six month follow up.

For **MedsChecks** and **Diabetes MedsChecks** the total that can be claimed by community pharmacies will double to 20 per month.

Pharmacies will be required to collect data for patients funded under the service, and for a patient to be eligible for a MedsCheck they must now be taking a medication associated with a high risk of adverse events.

Finally the **Home Medicines Review Program** will continue unchanged while a review of the current Medicare item 900 eligibility criteria is undertaken.

Potential changes to eligibility criteria, the inclusion of two new in-pharmacy follow up services and criteria to increase access to the service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs are anticipated to commence early in 2018, the Department said.

For more details of the changes see [www.6cpa.com.au](http://www.6cpa.com.au).

## CW supports Deaflympics

**CHEMIST** Warehouse (CW) has announced its principal sponsorship of the Australian team of 28 deaf and hard-of-hearing athletes as they fly to Samsun, Turkey, to participate in the Deaflympics for this year.

The 2017 Deaflympics runs from 18 - 30 Jul and will feature athletes from more than 100 countries competing in over 20 sports.

Statistically deaf and hard of hearing people are less likely to participate in sport which can lead to isolation, loneliness and obesity, Deaf Sports Australia said, making the CW sponsorship "a fantastic and much-needed boost for the national team".

To address this phenomena, Deaf Sports Australia hosts, facilitates and manages a range of deaf-specific sporting events.

Chemist Warehouse chief

operating officer, Mario Tascone said, "We are thrilled to be part of the team. At Chemist Warehouse we strongly value the health and wellbeing of the community and understand the unique challenges faced by deaf and hard-of-hearing athletes.

"We are proud to support the team as Official Sponsor and wish the team all the best for the Games."

**Pictured** are Australian team runners and the basketball team.



## Win with Aromababy

This week Pharmacy Daily and Aromababy are giving away five Eczema Care Kits including Pure Baby Moisture Cream 125mL, Pure Baby Wash 150mL and best selling Barrier Balm.

Aromababy offers a comprehensive selection of natural and organic products for mother and child, all of which are free from dairy/goatsmilk, sulphates and parabens. Aromababy's best seller Barrier Balm is now available in 2 convenient sizes. Gift-with-purchase, free samples, testers, training and product for Maternal and Child Health Nurse available to pharmacy. Email [info@aromababy.com](mailto:info@aromababy.com) or call 03 9464 0888 for more information.

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

Can Aromababy products be used on sensitive skin?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Melanie Sykes-Bridge from the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.





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## Dispensary Corner

**WE'VE** heard of taking the p\*ss - but this is ridiculous.

This year's Glastonbury music festival in the UK will be literally powered by urine.

Scientists are taking the opportunity afforded by thousands seeking relief for alcohol-distended bladders to showcase technology from the Bristol Bioenergy Centre.

Pee Power - involving passing megallitres of attendees' urine through fuel cells - will be used to power information boards keeping attendees up to date.

The system, which will be attached to a massive 40-person urinal, houses bacteria which literally consumer human urine to create biochemical energy.

The technology will also be used to charge lighting systems and mobile phones at the venue.

Pee Power's development has been funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and will later be trialled in Uganda.



IT'S definitely a sign of the times...the US state of Oregon has become the first jurisdiction to add a third gender option to drivers' licences.

LGBTQ rights groups have hailed the move which allows residents who do not identify as either male or female to mark 'X' for gender on the documents.

The *Oregonian* newspaper says public hearings to debate the issue encountered little opposition to the new policy.

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### Dreambaby Easy-Clean Potty Seat

Dreambaby **Easy-Clean Potty Seats** with handles help make toilet training easier for both parents and children. The comfortable padded seat not only adds ease, support and comfort to the toilet training process (for parent and child) but can encourage confidence by providing a sense of security for the child. The item fits most standard toilets and is really easy to clean. Made from soft, padded, lightweight material, it is also ideal for any kind of travelling. The decorative underwater theme is a great way to add fun to toilet training.



**Stockist:** 02 9386 4000  
**RRP:** \$17.95  
**Website:** [www.dreambaby.com.au](http://www.dreambaby.com.au)

### Detoxifying Facial Mask #1 in Oz



Swisse Wellness has announced **Manuka Honey Detoxifying Facial Mask** is the number one facial mask in Australian pharmacy. This product is sourced from pure natural ingredients.

Manuka honey is native to New Zealand and is produced by bees that pollinate the manuka bush. Typically, this honey is known for its soothing and healing properties. Swisse combined this key ingredient with kaolin clay and charcoal to help detoxify the skin from impurities and reduce the appearance of large skin pores.

**Stockist:** 1800 794 773  
**RRP:** \$17.99  
**Website:** [www.swisse.com](http://www.swisse.com)

### New Brow Shake Filling Powder

Rimmel London **Brow Shake Filling Powder** is a brow powder that offers a bold, sculpted look that lasts up to 24 hours. It has a super soft texture and is comfortable to wear. The buildable formula is both transfer- and sweat-proof. It features an ultra-soft applicator for easy, precise application. Designed to make your very first application generate a professional result, this generously packaged filling powder is available in four subtle but shimmering shades: Light Brown, Medium Brown, Dark Brown and Soft Black.



**Stockist:** 1800 812 663  
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**Website:** [au.rimmellondon.com](http://au.rimmellondon.com)

### New Hydra-Essentiel Silky Cream



Clarins **Hydra-Essentiel Silky Cream (Normal/Dry)** is a highly active moisturiser with a fine, melting texture and a silky feel which offers immediate comfort.

The formula is enriched with organic leaf of life which encourages the natural hydration of the skin, as well as an anti-pollution complex which protects the skin's barrier function, protects against oxidative damage and against additional ageing. Clarins new Hydra-Essentiel Silky Cream is suitable for normal to dry skin.

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