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SafeScript on track for Oct

### Today's issue of PD

*Pharmacy Daily* today has two pages of news plus a front cover wrap from **Evodia**.

### **Top footy tippers**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Michael Watson from Jandowae Pharmacy in Qld, who was the top tipper in last weekend's NRL rounds in the *Pharmacy Daily* tipping competition.

That means he's closing in on competition leader Megan Cavill from TerryWhite Chemmart Garran.

The top AFL tipper was Michele Herbert from GuildSuper who leads the table with 30 points.

Join the tipping comps for free at pharmacydaily.com.au/footy-tipping.

### **P&G appoints ANZ MD**

**PROCTER** & Gamble has appointed Vivek Gupta as its Australia/NZ managing director.

Gupta assumed the md role on 01 Apr 2018, succeeding Antoine Brun, who now heads up P&G's South-East Europe business unit. VICTORIAN pharmacists are being urged to ensure their registration details with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency are up to date, in the lead-up to the planned Oct launch of the SafeScript real-time prescription monitoring service.

The Department of Health and Human Services is working with the Pharmacy Board of Australia to automate pharmacist registration for access to SafeScript.

However, to benefit from the integration, pharmacists must ensure their principal place of practice and email address are up to date in AHPRA's systems.

According to an update from the Pharmacy Board, online registration for SafeScript will open closer to the implementation date, with the roll-out to initially focus on a specific location before expanding across Vic in early 2019.

The system, which is being developed by Pharmacy Guild offshoot Fred IT, will provide

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to check SafeScript when writing or

medicine, including all S8 medicines

THE Pharmacy Board of Australia

period it will become mandatory

dispensing a script for a high-risk

as well as S4 benzodiazepines.

Prescribing forum

has confirmed it will facilitate a

later this year, with the aim of

improving access to medicines

through pharmacist prescribing".

Melbourne around the middle of

2018, with invitations to be sent

in the coming weeks for an initial

discussion about this "important

emerging practice area".

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The event is set to take place in

"exploring opportunities for

forum on pharmacist prescribing

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### Mother's Day offer

WITH Mother's Day just five weeks away on 13 May, Evodia is offering special opportunities with its Limited Edition Life's Little Pleasures Gift Sets predicted to fly off the shelves.

See today's *Pharmacy Daily* front full page wrap from **Evodia**.

### Pharmacist audits

THE Pharmacy Board of Australia in its Mar newsletter, has announced the commencement of its fifth practitioner audit program, whereby all pharmacists renewing registration are required to declare whether they were compliant with the Board's standards.

Registrants are selected at random for audit.

Audit results from 2017 revealed that some 90% of pharmacists were found to be compliant, while 3.6% required review, 3.3% changed to non-practising, 2.5% surrendered their registration and 0.6% failed to renew.

See pharmacyboard.gov.au.

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AUTHORITIES in Norway have opened what is being described as the most spectacular "loo with a view" in the world.

The stunning architectural masterpiece at Ureddplassen (pictured) offers the ultimate serenity when spending a penny, with a viewing terrace overlooking the sparse Norwegian Sea framed by the lofty Arctic mountains of the Lofoten Wall.

It's located on the picturesque Norwegian Scenic Route or Helgelandskysten and is also pitched as an ideal picnic spot for an all-nighter viewing the Northern Lights.

The \$3m frosted glass and concrete bathroom building offers marble benches outside for any "unlikely queue members," according to the UK Telegraph.



WHILE we're on the subject of making the most of the great outdoors, there's a job going for a lifeguard at a nudist camping area in Rhode Island, USA.

The Dyer Woods Nudist Campground has advertised for someone to keep patrons safe while swimming, and stresses that while the lifeguard is allowed to wear a swimsuit it is definitely not necessary.

As well as swimming, the holiday area offers nude hiking and volleyball, with the Providence Journal reporting that "once people try going au naturel in nature they will fall in love with it".

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### Script prices plunge

FEDERAL Health Minister Greg Hunt has highlighted the 01 Apr PBS price reductions via an Easter Sunday media release, confirming cuts of up to 40% to more than 300 medicine brands.

"Australians with conditions including high blood pressure, depression, digestive disorders and certain types of cancer will now pay less for their medicines, every time they visit the pharmacy," Hunt said.

"Millions of scripts will now be up to five dollars cheaper, with more than \$60 million worth of savings passed on to patients over the next four years," he said.

Hunt highlighted the more than 620,000 patients taking esomeprazole and almost 80,000 patients taking olmesartan saving around \$50 each annually.

"Today new and expanded medicine listings to treat diabetes, cancer, arthritis, asthma and eye disease will also be available for a maximum of \$39.50 or just \$6.40 for concessional patients," Hunt said, claiming a total of \$8.2 billion in savings since coming into office.

Full website update at pbs.gov.au.

### 6CPA claims guidance

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**THE** Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement Registration and Claiming Portal has been updated with new 'How to Claim' guides, detailing new Program Elements for the purpose of claiming Initial Patient Registration data for the DAA and MedsCheck Programs as well as updated DAA claiming requirements.

The resources include a 'How to Claim for DAA and MedsCheck Patient Registration' document, along with a new 'How to Claim for DAA, Staged Supply and MedsCheck Services' guide.

The 'How to Claim HMR and RMMR' guide has been updated along with the 'Explanation of New Program Elements' document.

**MEANWHILE** pharmacists are reminded that claims are now open for the 01 Jan-31 Mar 2018 Clinical Interventions Program.

No documents are required to be uploaded, with claims able to be submitted 01-14 Apr 2018 via the NEW CLAIM tab at 6cpa.com.au.

Claims not lodged by the deadline of 11.59pm on 14 Apr will be rejected.

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Heel Balm



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THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia is focused squarely on the negotiation of the 7CPA and the future of community pharmacy in 2025 and beyond.

In preparation for the negotiations, the Guild is asking for input on the critical issues that will frame the 7CPA and the future of community pharmacy at an interactive session held at APP on Sunday 6 May.

Pharmacy Guild of Australia National President George Tambassis said: "From community pharmacy's role in primary health care and professional services through to digital health and the advent of disruption in every element of our community, this session will present vital information on the challenges and opportunities ahead."

"This session will also allow delegates to have their say on the 7CPA via an interactive survey, as well as voicing their views directly to the Guild's senior leaders."

A major strategic planning project into the future of community pharmacy, known as CP2025, will also be presented in the session.

This session is one of the numerous industry, clinical and business sessions making up the comprehensive four-day APP educational program. For further program information or to register, visit www. appconference.com.

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