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## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from Pharmacy 4 Less.

## Cannabis trials start

**ASX-LISTED** cannabis company Medlab has announced initial trials of its medicinal cannabis product NanaBis will commence at Royal North Shore Hospital in a few weeks.

Seriously ill oncology patients will be administered the product and results can be expected "several months later" and under The Therapeutic Goods Administration's Special Access Scheme, a drug could be approved later this year, the company has said.

Unique in its delivery, NanaBis will be delivered by, NanoCelle, Medlab's nano-particle spray to the back of the cheek, enabling easy delivery and improved speed of absorption.

A second cannabis medicine will enter a trial this year, a NanoCelle delivery form statin will be out in coming months and Phase II trials for bacteria-based medicines for depression and obesity will start.

Medlab is hosting a free evening seminar on 28 Feb at the Hyatt in Sydney - [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

## 'War' not 'jaw' over code

**IN AN** unflinchingly direct letter to the Department of Health First Assistant Secretary Ross Hawkins, Friends of Science advocate and public health protagonist Associate Professor Ken Harvey of Monash University has called for "respect and constructive outcomes".

"Civil society organisations have been attempting to have constructive dialogue with the Department of Health and the TGA for a long time...[but] our concerns have been ignored, misrepresented and sidelined from decision-making on the Bill," he wrote, referencing the 2017 Measures No.1 Bill around complementary medicines (CMs) advertising (**PD Tue**).

Harvey went on to say he believed the Minister was poorly informed, with civil society submissions and the Green's amendment ignored.

Complementary Medicines Australia ceo Carl Gibson has countered, urging all stakeholders to make their voices heard in the stakeholder meetings being run by the TGA saying in a targeted tilt at Harvey, "the loudest voice in the room, isn't necessarily the right one and others need to stand up for what they believe."

"Dr Harvey does not respect the

democratic process and is now trying to influence the development of the advertising code by unduly getting his sticky fingers involved in some very good organisations with his one man crusade against our industry.

"A couple of dozen folks rattling around an academic hall for a thousand people does not give their argument or a civic society campaign any credibility."

Gibson added, "Friends of Science wants our industry dead, they don't respect traditional evidence claims, they are culturally insensitive and now they want to restrict weight loss products as we face a public health crisis with obesity."

See [tga.gov.au](http://tga.gov.au) for submissions.

## Meds errors up 25%

**NEW** data from NSW Poisons Information Centre has found a 25% increase in medication error calls between 2013 – 2017.

Medication errors are the most common reason for calling poisons hotline, the centre states, while in Victoria, the Poisons Information Centre receives an average 113 calls a day relating to mistakes taking or giving over-the-counter and prescription medicines.

Medicine poisonings accounted for 5,580 hospitalisations of Australian children in 2015, with 32,000 calls made to Australian Poison Information Centres relating to children being unintentionally exposed to medicines in 2015.

In spite of the advertising around the RUM Project, around 80% of Australians do not know how to dispose of unwanted medicines safely and appropriately.



## Fluad on the NIP

**FLUAD**, a trivalent adjuvanted inactivated flu vaccine specifically developed to address the burden of influenza in adults aged 65 years and over, will be available this year on the National Immunisation Program (NIP).

The adjuvant used in Fluad, MF-59, is known to increase the immunogenicity of vaccines, Seqirus said, adding that the vaccine has proven to be "particularly useful for older adults."

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## Dispensary Corner

**THEY'RE** willing to fork out for fancy food and bigger seats to fly in some comfort, away from the "the great unwashed", but it seems there's one item Virgin Australia's Business Class passengers can't resist pinching.

The number one stolen item from flights is the Business Class salt and pepper shakers, designed to resemble the sails of the Sydney Opera House.

They've proven so popular, in fact, that Virgin Australia is now considering selling them online.



**PORTUGUESE** police have spoilt one man's day by discovering he was sporting a sexy pair of false buttocks, not for the purposes of seduction, but to simply transport about one kilogram of cocaine.

The confused clumsy constipated crack-in-the-crack carrier was detained at Lisbon Airport after arriving on a flight from the city of Belem.



Apparently he had stashed enough cocaine in his buttocks bags (pictured) to

cut into 5,000 individual doses of cocaine, police said.

Those in receipt of the illicit product would probably prefer to not know its means of transport.

## Community pharmacy tick

**THE** Australian "tried and trusted community pharmacy model" received a shot in the arm with the passage through Federal Parliament last week of amendments that removed the sunset clause on the Pharmacy Location Rules (**PD 14 Feb**), Pharmacy Guild of Australia executive director David Quilty writes.

Quilty used his editorial in *Forefront* to highlight that the location rules were supported by the Coalition, Labor and the Greens for very good reason.

"Pharmacies are highly accessible to the public, while providing a significant level of choice for consumers, without the issues of long waiting times in rural towns and lower socio-economic areas that exist in other parts of the health system, often necessitating large government subsidies," wrote Quilty.

"At the same time, the Location Rules provide a level of certainty for the owners of nearly 5,700 pharmacies who invest their private capital in the infrastructure that is required to deliver the PBS on

behalf of the Commonwealth."

Citing the UK example where such regulatory controls have been relaxed, Quilty said this has led to an inefficient over-concentration of large numbers of pharmacies in preferred locations, with policymakers regretting the change and contemplating rectifying actions to ensure sustainability.

### Guild POTY finalists

**FIVE** community pharmacies have been named as the finalists in this year's Guild Pharmacy of the Year (POTY) Awards - they are Friendlies Pharmacy Busselton, WA, Gerald Burns Pharmacy Bicton, WA, Christies Guild Terry White Chemmart, Christies Beach SA, South City Pharmacy, Wagga Wagga NSW and Priceline Wetherill Park, New South Wales.

The winning pharmacy will be announced at the opening plenary session of the Australian Pharmacy Professional conference, Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, 03 to 06 May.

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