

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news, as well as our weekly Guild Update.

SHPA residency boom

THE SHPA Residency Program has swelled dramatically this year, with a 59% growth in total number of Foundation Residents and the program embedded in 33 sites across the country.

The program provides an "evidence-based framework for essential experiential learning for early career hospital pharmacists," according to SHPA ceo Kristin Michaels, working in areas such as cardiology, geriatric medicine, infectious disease & mental health.

The upcoming SHPA Residency Symposium on 27 Aug will also unveil details of the second-phase Advanced Training Residencies.

Priceline smashes \$1m barrier



PRICELINE Pharmacy is celebrating after raising more than \$1.1 million in a single month for its Priceline Sisterhood Foundation.

The record funds raised by the *Misterhood for the Sisterhood* campaign brings this year's total to more than \$4.5 million in support for five charities that help women and their families.

API ceo Richard Vincent said "raising more than \$1 million for the Priceline Sisterhood Foundation in a month is a monumental achievement and was only made possible by the hard work and

dedication of our store network.

"Our store teams showed exceptional enthusiasm throughout the month and engaged with every customer to help reach this milestone," he said.

The campaign was led by cricketer Merv Hughes who toured the country visiting Priceline Pharmacy Stores to help drive donations.

Hughes was Priceline's first ever 'Mister' and good-naturedly acted as a stand-in Beauty Advisor with his famous "mo" turned glitter pink.

Many pharmacists across the 465-strong network joined in the fun by dyeing their hair, and in addition to store events Priceline Pharmacy sold \$2 lucky "Sisterhood Scratchies" with proceeds going to the Foundation.

Adherence enablers

POOR adherence to medications affects approximately half of the patient population, leading to severe health complications, premature deaths, and an increased use of healthcare services, according to a new OECD Health Working Paper.

Three reasons behind the problem were developed in the paper.

Firstly, the issue has "rarely been explicitly included in national health policy agendas"; secondly, the problem is incorrectly identified as a patient matter when the health system and structures are major drivers; thirdly patients with chronic conditions frequently feel left out of the decision about their therapy and are inclined to rebuff.

The paper describes systemic "enablers" that can improve adherence - oecd-library.org.

New NAPSA team

THE National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (NAPSA) has elected Jessica Hsiao as the organisation's 2018/19 president.

Hsiao is a fourth year pharmacy student at the University of South Australia, and will be joined on the NAPSA board by seven newly elected directors: Eliza Herd from the University of Newcastle as Secretary; Tina Blefari, University of South Australia as Treasurer; Teana Didsbury of QUT; Lily Pham from the University of Sydney; Stephanie Salvatore, RMIT; Joshua Hogben from the University of South Australia; and Alicia Martin from the University of Canberra.

The appointments were announced over the weekend at the NAPSA Annual Dinner which was a celebration of the organisation's 70th anniversary.

Guest speaker was Sydney pharmacist Catherine Bronger, who was inducted as an Honorary Life Member of NAPSA.

Bronger was NAPSA vice-president in 2004/05.

Other attendees included representatives from sponsors including the Pharmacy Guild and the PSA as well as Mylan, the Pharmacy Board of Australia, Fullife Foundation, Star Pharmacy Group and Raven's Recruitment.

The Best Branch award went to the South Australian Pharmacy Students' Association.

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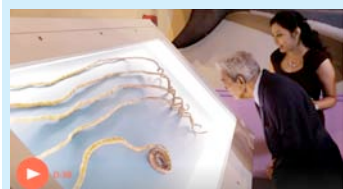


Dispensary Corner

AN INDIAN man has finished the task of a lifetime by cutting his nails for the first time in 66 years.

Shridhar Chillai, 82, from Pune holds the Guinness World Record for the longest fingernails ever recorded on a human hand, with a combined length of just under 10 metres.

The nails were cut off in an historic ceremony at Ripley's Believe It or Not! museum in Times Square, New York - see pharmacydaily.com.au/videos.



SMOKING is bad for your health - and it's even worse on an aircraft.

But that didn't seem to matter to a Chinese pilot last week, whose illicit cockpit "vaping" caused an emergency descent.

Investigators say the first officer of the Air China Boeing 737 aircraft accidentally closed the plane's air conditioning, leading to a low oxygen alarm in the cabin.

A probe into the incident found he was trying to hide the fact he had been smoking an e-cigarette in the cockpit by turning off a fan - but accidentally switched off the cabin ventilation instead.

The low oxygen alarm saw the pilots panic passengers by releasing the aircraft's emergency breathing masks, and initiated a descent to a lower altitude.

Once it was discovered that the air conditioning was simply turned off the crew returned the flight to its 38,000 foot cruise.

Rare cancer resource

CHARITY group Rare Cancers Australia has launched KnowledgeBase, a first-of-its-kind online resource for those living with rare or less-common cancers.

The platform aims to connect sufferers with information, services, and care that could change their lives.

There is information on more than 200 rare cancers, a database of cancer centres, support services, clinical trials and treatment options.

There's also a list of financial service assistance, support groups and non-profit organisations.

Prince of Wales Clinical School Professor David Goldstein called the resource an important step forward for rare cancer patients, who have for a long time lacked a single information source from which to learn about their conditions and interact with like-minded Australians and medical experts.

See the new online resource at knowledge.rarecancers.org.au.



AHPRA police pact

THE Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) has signed a new memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Victoria Police, which will allow the respective agencies to exchange information.

Under the pact, AHPRA may disclose information to the police where there are "allegations or evidence of an indictable or summary offence" by a registered health practitioner including murder, a threat to cause physical or mental harm, assault, sexual offending, production of pornography or possession or theft of illegal or unauthorised drugs or poisons.

Victoria Police may also provide information to AHPRA in relation to allegations about the behaviour of health practitioners.

AHPRA ceo Martin Fletcher said the MoU simply clarified existing information interchanges, with talks under way with other police forces across the country to create consistent agreements and procedures - to view the Victoria Police MoU see ahpra.gov.au.

Biosimilar Q&A

THE Health Department has published a list of frequently asked questions in relation to biosimilar uptake drivers and the process for implementation - pbs.gov.au.



Guild Update

1st August 2018 Price Changes

THERE are some significant PBS price changes this month that Guild members should ensure they are aware of.

Gilead brands of Hepatitis C medicines are experiencing very large price reductions.

Members should ensure all dispensary staff are aware of these price changes when ordering and dispensing Hepatitis C medicines during July and to appropriately manage stock on hand towards the end of the month in order to minimise any impact to the business or to patients.

As patient access to treatment must remain a priority during this period, Gilead is also implementing arrangements to avoid pharmacies and hospitals being caught out by the price reduction.

Information about these arrangements will be provided through wholesalers, but members should carefully manage their patients and stock holdings as 1 August approaches.

Win with Blessed by Nature

Everyday this week Pharmacy Daily and Blessed by Nature are giving away a skincare prize pack valued at more than \$25 that includes:

Blessed by Nature Antioxidant Night Restoring Cream: This antioxidant rich formula contains nature's best natural anti-ageing ingredients that work together to fight free radicals and promote healthy, glowing, younger looking skin. Apply at night and allow the formula to work with your skin while it rests and recovers as you sleep.

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For details visit: www.blessedbynature.com.au.

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

Name one of the active ingredients in Blessed by Nature nutrient rich hand cream?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Rosanne Game from Symbion.

