

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has three pages of news including our weekly **Health & Beauty** feature.

Faecal transplants

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration is seeking comments from interested parties on a paper canvassing "Options for the Regulation of Faecal Microbiota Transplantation materials".

The therapy is increasing in prevalence in Australia, with the Gastroenterological Society of Australia recommending that Faecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT) be made available as a treatment option for all patients with recurrent or refractory Clostridium difficile infection.

Feedback is sought by 15 Mar - for details see tga.gov.au.



Pharmacy leadership program

THE University of Sydney has announced the launch of a new "Pharmacy Leaders Program" which is being offered for the first time ever during 2019.

Aiming to give pharmacy students the opportunity to extend their experience beyond the classroom and develop leadership skills, the scheme aspires to develop pharmacists as "influential global citizens and leaders".

"Our curriculum embeds in our students a depth of disciplinary expertise, cultural competence, interdisciplinary effectiveness and an integrated professional, ethical and personal identity," said Associate Professor Nial Wheate, the faculty's program director of undergraduate pharmacy.

The Pharmacy Leaders Program is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate course work pharmacy students, and will complement (but be separate from) the training they

Olive some of that!

THE Olive Wellness Institute is conducting a free CPD accredited webinar for pharmacists with Clinical Herbalist and Educator Ian Breakspear presenting.

The webinar will provide an overview of the clinical uses of Olive Leaf Extract, a current evidence summary, practice considerations and patient counselling tips.

The one-hour event is set for Thu 07 Feb next week at noon AEDT - for more information and to register **CLICK HERE**.

receive as part of their degree.

Wheate said the program comprised an online unit of study, two seminars and a course, with participants able to choose from a variety of activities such as attending conferences and participating in research programs, through to community volunteering, visiting schools or representing peers on student or school committees.

"We are confident that the program will help to shape the profession's future leaders," he said.

GSK chief moving on

ANNE Belcher, General Manager of GSK Pharmaceuticals in Australia, has been appointed as the company's Senior Vice President, Respiratory and Customer Capabilities and Operations, US Pharma, and will transfer to the USA in Mar 2019.

Belcher joined the Australian business just over two years ago (*PD* 16 Sep 2016), with the company saying details of a successor would be "the subject of a further announcement".

Dispensing errors

FOLLOWING a request from the Victorian Coroner, Guild Learning and Development has created a new online course titled 'The role of pharmacy staff in preventing dispensing errors'.

This accredited CPD course heightens awareness of accuracy in dispensing - contact 03 9810 9930.

Bournemouth bust

BRITAIN'S Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has carried out raids in Bournemouth following an in-depth investigation into a network suspected to be involved in the illegal importation and supply of medicines.

A man and a woman have been arrested, while substantial amounts of unlicensed medicines were seized including HIV drugs, erectile dysfunction pills and narcolepsy medication such as modafinil.

Coordinated searches were conducted at four locations, with the suspects arrested on the suspicion of money laundering.

MHRA spokesman Tariq Sarwar said "those selling medicines illegally are exploiting innocent people to make money, and have no regard for the public's health or welfare".

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Hats off to NAPSA's Team VPSA!



THESE outfits worn by the Victorian Pharmacy Students' Association last weekend really taco the cake.

The dress-up was part of the National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association annual congress in Adelaide, where key issues covered included the future of community pharmacy, leadership,

clinical updates and more.

There were also plenty of social activities including a "Battle of the Tribes" night which saw this team don their purple sombreros.

The congress also raised more than \$16,000 for its official charity, the Pharmacists' Support Service, with the 2020 NAPSA Congress to take place in Newcastle, NSW.

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Pharmacy's primary importance

HEALTH programs that encourage patients to visit pharmacies as their first port of call for minor conditions have been shown to reduce the burden on doctors and allow better use of available resources, according to a major International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) presentation to the World Health Organization's Executive Board.

Addressing the Board at its 144th session held in Geneva this week, FIP's Zuzana Kusynova noted the many contributions that pharmacists make to primary health care.

The FIP statement highlighted the supply of quality medicines, health promotion, disease prevention, screening, improving medicines adherence, administering medicines and vaccinations and monitoring chronic conditions.

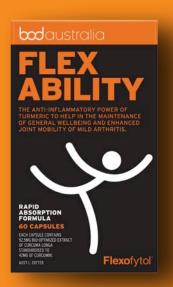
Kusynova also referred to a report by the WHO Director-General which showed investments in universal health coverage, "including a substantial portion towards developing the workforce," will generate up to a 40% return on investment over a five-year period.

"The roles of pharmacists range from communicators and quality medicine suppliers to supervisors, collaborators and health promoter - and these roles are continually expanding," she said.

"Pharmacists are recognised as a trustworthy source of information and advice...moreover, in many places the community pharmacy is the only primary healthcare unit, and the only place where advice can be obtained from a health care professional.

"With the changing needs of health systems and the public, the pharmacy profession needs to continue to evolve with the support of technology, education and, importantly, your support in legislation," she concluded.

Other FIP session elements covered medicines access and global action on patient safety - fip.org.



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Dispensary Corner

HIPSTERS around the world are rejoicing today after a Hawai'i farmer grew an avocado which could be the world's biggest.

Kenji Fukumitsu took the gigantic savoury fruit to his local hospital where they weighed it on a baby scale (below).

Now we just have to find a bakery to create a piece of toast big enough to spread it on.



A WOMAN from New York is suing one of the local hospitals for emotional distress, after she sat beside her dying brother's bedside for several weeks before finding out it wasn't him at all.

Shirell Powell says the case of mistaken identity was extremely hurtful, particularly because she ended up authorising the removal of life support systems and started organising a funeral.

The unfortunate incident started when the hospital admitted someone called Frederick Williams after a drug overdose. Unfortunately they contacted the family of a different Frederick Williams who had also been

previously treated at the hospital. Apparently the man had a swollen face and a tube in his mouth, leading to the incorrect identification.

The mix-up was only discovered some weeks later when the other Frederick Williams was found to be locked up in a city jail.

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