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## Put patients first: Butt

**FOCUS** on delivering positive outcomes for patients and the rewards will follow, 2019 University of Technology Sydney/Astra Zeneca Innovative Pharmacist of the Year Award winner, Brad Butt, believes.

Accepting the prestigious gong for his Men's Health Down Under program, run through the Coleman Court Pharmacy in Weston, ACT, Butt urged pharmacy students at the UTS Pharmacy Gala Dinner in the Powerhouse Museum Sydney on Wed, not to lose sight of their purpose.

"I stand here inspired by the award winners from the university," he said.

"I was never that student.

"I was the student that always hoped to be that student, and I kind of feel proud to be here tonight, because [while] I wasn't at that point in time, I think I'm probably close to that point now.

"Looking back, the lesson I learned was - don't take yourself too seriously, don't get hung up on the awards, go out and make a difference.

"It's not about making money, it's not about the awards or the accolades.

"It's about putting the patient at the middle of what you do and if you do that it all works for you.

"If we all did that the profession would be in a stronger position."

Butt also picked up the ACT Men's Health Award (**PD** 13 Jun) and the Australian Patients' Association Most Outstanding Community Pharmacist of the Year Award (**PD** 29 Jul) this year.



## UTS Pharmacy student awards

**PSA Prizes for Academic Excellence for highest achieving student in the Master of Pharmacy:**

- 1st Year Student: Malu Katz
- 2nd Year Student: Joshua Thompson

**PDL Limited Prizes for highest achieving student in the professional services stream of the Master of Pharmacy:**

- 1st Year Student: Martina Yousif
- 2nd Year Student: Luke Bradford

**SHPA NSW Branch Prize for Excellence in Pharmacotherapeutics:**

- Georgina Hughes
- Andrew and Lina Gullotta

**UTS Pharmacy Scholarship:**

- Jack Cickovski-Lamb

**Menai Community Pharmacy Scholarship:**

- Jack Cickovski-Lamb

**Bioceuticals Prize:**

- Mahendra Mali

**iNova Pharmaceuticals Prize:**

- Farida Nur Aziza

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## Dispensary Corner

A CANADIAN pharmacist who distributed naloxone kits without a prescription in a neighbourhood decimated by opioid abuse, has admitted to professional misconduct.

The London, Ontario-based pharmacist, Jason Newman, told a disciplinary hearing that his action had "certainly saved lives".

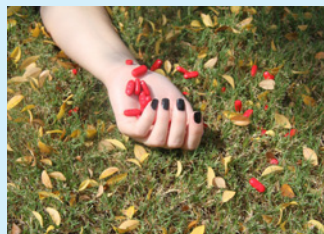
However, the panel suspended Newman for a month and issued an oral reprimand for his action.

Newman has also been ordered to undertake an ethics course within the next 12 months or face a second month's suspension from the profession.

He told the hearing that while he was aware his actions contravened professional standards, he was inspired to act when he visited a homeless shelter, but was not allowed to offer training in the use of naloxone.

"I decided it was necessary to train people around the area as quickly as possible," he said.

A lawyer for the Ontario College of Pharmacists described Newman's motives as "appropriate and laudable" and stressed it was not alleging any dishonest or disgraceful conduct.



## MedAdvisor signs Sigma

PHARMACY wholesaler Sigma Healthcare, incorporating Amcal, Discount Drug Stores (DDS), Guardian, Pharmasave, Chemist King and WholeLife pharmacy banner groups, has inked a deal with digital medicines management company MedAdvisor (**PD** breaking news yesterday).

The two-year pact will support the use of branded versions of the MedAdvisor app by their 600+ pharmacy member network.

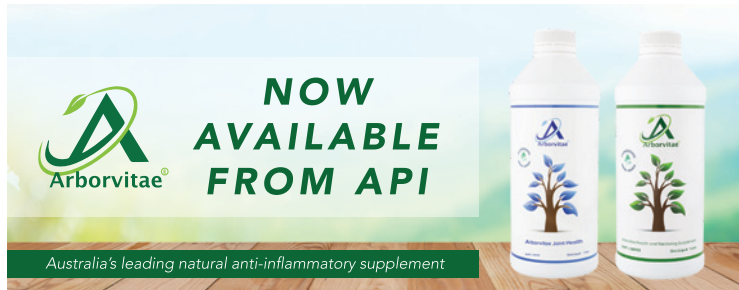
The company has hopes that the approximately 200 Sigma Group pharmacies not currently



subscribed may also link in.

Total revenue contribution from the arrangement is anticipated to grow, exceeding \$1 million per year.

The new agreement means that MedAdvisor now has long-term contracts with three of the four major pharmacy groups, including the Sigma network of brands, TerryWhite Chemmart and Chemist Warehouse.



## RUM bins short

THE RUM Project is experiencing difficulties in supplying RUM bins to all of the wholesalers for distribution to community pharmacies with no supply available at wholesalers until later this month.

The shortage reason is the transition from the existing RUM bin to a brand new RUM bin design in the very near future.

The new design incorporates a secure one-way entry and is made from recycled materials.

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## PBS transparency, efficiency consultation

THE Department of Health will host a webinar to commence consultations around improving the transparency, timeliness and efficiency of the pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) listing processes later this month.

It will investigate Stage 2 PBS process improvements, including initial submission categories and resubmission pathways; and Draft Procedure Guidance for the standardised redaction of Pharmaceutical Benefits

Advisory Committee (PBAC) Public Summary Documents (PSDs).

Following the webinar, the consultation papers for the Stage 2 process improvements and draft PSD Procedure Guidance will be available on the PBS website.

The webinar is set for 21 Nov 2-3pm - **REGISTER HERE**.

The consultation closes 16 Dec and submissions should go to [PBSImprovements@health.gov.au](mailto:PBSImprovements@health.gov.au).



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**25 - 29 Nov:** ASCEPT-PAGANZ 2019 Joint Scientific Meeting; Rydges Lakeland Resort, Queenstown, New Zealand; details and registration here: [www.asceptasm.com](http://www.asceptasm.com)

**23 - 29 Jan:** NAPSA Congress; University of Newcastle; for more info visit: [www.napsa.org.au](http://www.napsa.org.au)

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