



JPPR to deliver Fast Track research

THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) has closed its 45th National Conference on the weekend reporting strong financial footing, record membership retention and several program milestones, including the announcement of a Fast Track research publication plan.

In her Chief Executive's Address, Kristin Michaels announced the opening of *JPPR* Fast Track, a new, expedited review option for leading translatable research to find faster publication in the *Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research (JPPR)*.

“For research that is of high quality within its discipline or field and/or pertinent to dominant or emerging issues in pharmacy practice, *JPPR* Fast Track authors will gain access to premium promotional support from SHPA

in addition to four- to six-week timelines from submission to first decision and from acceptance to online publication," Michaels said.

SHPA President, Peter Fowler (pictured), detailed some of the video highlights, which spanned advocacy, SHPA Residency, CPD and events and the release of the organisation manifesto *Advancing Australia's Pharmacy Workforce* (PD 18 Nov).

Summarising the organisation's achievements, Fowler went on to say, "In 2019 we saw national policy achievements in areas such as opioid management, and continued to drive the conversation on electronic medicines management and closed loop systems."

“We began the progressive release of new and updated guidelines on optimal clinical practice, saw growth across national and Branch CPD events



and roll-out of Residency sites, launched the CPD Central planning and recording tool, remained the principal driver of the Advancing Practice credentialing program and saw the first year of full operation of the SHPA Mentoring Program.”

Fowler also spotlighted the SHPA's 2019 Annual General Meeting which saw the launch of the *Investment to impact: 2019 SHPA Annual Report* video and supporting summary.

CLICK HERE to access the video and **CLICK HERE** for the Annual Report Summary.

Today's issue of *PD*

Pharmacy Daily today has three pages of news including our weekly **Health & Beauty** feature plus a full page from **Iberisig**.

Kid's pain & fever

GUILD Learning and Development, in partnership with GSK Consumer Healthcare, has developed a new online course to build pharmacists' confidence in managing pain and fever in children.

Titled 'Effective use of analgesics in managing children's pain and fever', this accredited module provides a refresher on the appropriate use of analgesics in children including counselling skills - see guilded.guild.org.au.

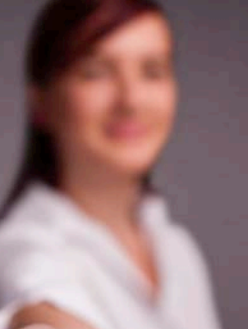
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References: 1. Dermatology Expert Group. Therapeutic Guidelines: Dermatology, version 4. Topical corticosteroid preparations (Appendix 4.1). Therapeutic Guidelines Ltd [Internet]. 2019 [cited 2019 June 28]. Available from: <https://guides.tg.org.au/view/TGac-Therapeutic-topical-corticosteroid-preparations>

2. Kloxema Cream Approved Product Information, 12 September 2017.

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Rx opioids info

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has posted on its website information for consumers about prescription opioids, the types, challenges, access and more - tga.gov.au.

Amcal+Life Clinic launch



SIGMA'S Amcal brand has launched its first long-anticipated Amcal+Life Clinic pharmacy, located in Burwood, Melbourne. Amcal+Life Clinic is the newest pharmacy format to be launched from Amcal and is designed to complement the current Amcal+ and Express format pharmacies through collaborative, accessible patient healthcare.

This collaborative approach was unveiled at the Amcal and Guardian retail conference earlier this year (PD 07 Mar).

New Becton Dickinson's V Motion

touch screens in the pharmacy enhance patient and pharmacist engagement through an expanded database, product formularies and automated product delivery.

The Becton Dickinson 'Vmax Rowa' dispensing robot is designed to dispense pharmacy products efficiently and accurately, allowing pharmacists more time to deliver face-to-face patient care.

Pictured L-R are Sigma CEO Mark Hooper, pharmacy team member Tam Vuong, pharmacy owner Linh Tran and Quality Pharmacy Group CEO Charles Khallouf.

Statins-memory



AN AUSTRALIAN study led by Garvan researchers reveals there is no link between statin use and cognitive decline in the elderly.

In fact, their findings, based on work involving more than 1,000 elderly patients over a period of six years, shows that statin use can actually slow down cognitive decline in individuals at risk of dementia.

Statins had formerly been loosely associated with isolated cases of memory loss, but the body of evidence now supports ongoing therapy with statins as a preventative measure - [CLICK HERE](#) to access.

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AusVaxSafety reports on 2018 results

THE AusVaxSafety system in Australia is an early detection mechanism to monitor adverse events associated with vaccines.

A few days after an individual receives a vaccine at any participating immunisation clinic, the clinic sends an SMS to the person to determine if they have had any reaction to the vaccine.

Those responding with a

"Yes", are then surveyed for a description of the adverse event.

AusVaxSafety monitors the responses closely so that any potential problems with vaccines can be detected and acted on early.

The system has released its 2018 report with 91% of patients reporting no adverse events.

See health.gov.au for the report.

Mayne expands derm pipeline

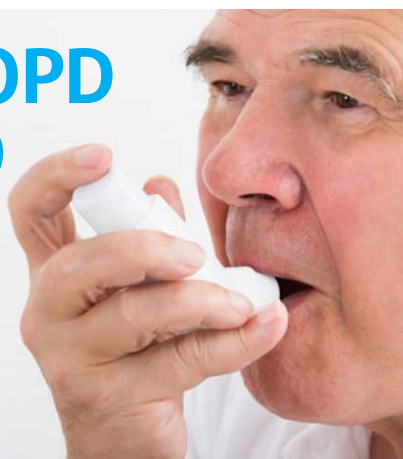
LISTED pharmaceutical company Mayne Pharma has licensed rights to a generic topical dermatology product from topical preparations developer and manufacturer Encube Ethicals for distribution in the US.

This product adds to Mayne's branded and generic range with potential sales in excess of \$40m per annum.

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Dispensary Corner

DIRTY and well over thirty, Ireland's over-50s are experiencing the less than pleasant consequences of their sexual freedom.

Health experts in the Emerald Isle have noted that sexual health campaigns have targeted young adults, while cases of syphilis and gonorrhea among older people have exploded in recent years.

While it is often said that young people feel invincible, Cork Sexual Health Centre Manager, Catherine Kennedy, told the *Irish Sunday Mirror*, those over 50 appeared to believe they were immune to the consequences of engaging with multiple partners.

"There can be a huge misunderstanding when it comes to sexually transmitted infections in adults in their 50s, 60s and 70s," she said.

"Just because they may not have had many sexual partners they might feel that they aren't at risk.

"They received little or no formal sex education [and] therefore they don't have the same knowledge."

Kennedy has called for campaigns to normalise STI screening to curb the rapidly rising problem, which has seen a 130% increase in the number of cases of gonorrhea in the last three years in Ireland.

Pharmacist, Laura Dowling, said the spike in STIs came as no surprise as condom sales slumped over the last few years, saying "they seem to be going out of fashion".

Sigma partners donate to the bush

PHARMACISTS in the Tenterfield, Warwick and Stanthorpe areas north west NSW and south west Queensland were "blown away" with the generosity of the Sigma Retail team and their supporting partners, as they face the twin horrors of drought and fire.

"The towns are very close to running out of water due to drought and were then challenged further by bushfires," a Sigma spokesperson told *Pharmacy Daily*.

"Seeing an opportunity to help locals through our branded stores in the areas we collaborated with suppliers to donate and send close to \$60,000 worth of everyday essential items to seven stores for distribution amongst the community.

"Products included Hydrolyte and water free hand sanitisers."



As one pharmacist commented, "The donations you have provided will not solve the water problem, but generous gestures like yours go a long way to boosting the attitude and resilience of our local communities."

"We look forward to working with you in organising and distributing these items to those in need".

Pictured are the pharmacy team from Tenterfield Amcal with some of the support gift bags.

HEALTH & BEAUTY

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Sore Throat Lozenges

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