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PSA appoints Mark Kinsela as CEO

AUSTRALIAN Digital Health Agency (ADHA) Chief of Staff, Mark Kinsela, will be the next CEO of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) (breaking news today).

The Society announced Kinsela's appointment this morning, with the former Australian Army Nursing Officer set to assume the position on 02 Dec, following an extensive search in the wake of former CEO, Graham Catt's departure in Feb, after less than a year in the position.

Announcing the appointment, PSA National President, Dr Chris Freeman, said Kinsela will bring extensive experience in health advocacy working as an adviser to the Commonwealth Minister for Health and Minister for Social Services and Aged Care.

"We are delighted to have someone of Mark's experience leading PSA into its next stage," Freeman said.

"PSA is focused on ensuring the role of pharmacists is optimised as Australia strives to provide quality, safe, and effective care to all.

"We believe Mark's training as a health care provider and executive MBA, combined with his impressive professional background, will

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help PSA continue to ensure our profession has the opportunity to positively contribute to policy making at the highest levels and achieve the goals outlined in our Pharmacists in 2023 vision."

Former PSA National President Dr Shane Jackson, who has held the CEO position on an interim basis will step down to make way for Kinsela, who spent three years in the ADHA.

However, with negotiations surrounding the Seventh **Community Pharmacy Agreement** (7CPA) set to be finalised before the end of the year, Freeman said that Jackson will continue to lead the PSA in talks over the tripartite deal with the Department of Health, Pharmacy Guild of Australia and the PSA.

Recently appointed Guild Executive Director, Suzanne Greenwood, welcomed Kinsela's appointment, saying he would bring invaluable experience to the role.

"Kinsela brings broad knowledge of the health sector as well as executive experience to this important position of leadership," she said.

"The sector faces increasing challenges, but I am confident that



working together for the good of the profession and our patients we can achieve strong and positive outcomes."

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believes. In a position paper released yesterday the Board noted there was strong support for pharmacist prescribing in both the community and hospital settings, under a structured arrangement and under supervision - two of the three models outlined in the Health Professionals Prescribing Pathway 2013 (HPPP).

The announcement came a day after the Australian Medical Association issued its minimum standards for prescribing, which it claimed ruled out pharmacist prescribing.

The Board concluded that under the National Law there were no regulatory barriers in place for pharmacists to be able to prescribe in two of those models of care within a collaborative healthcare environment, via a structured

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prescribing arrangement or under supervision. However, the Board stated its

view that autonomous prescribing by pharmacists would require additional regulation via an endorsement for scheduled medicines.

"This would require the Board to make an application to the Ministerial Council for approval of endorsement for scheduled medicines under section 14 of the National Law and to develop a registration standard for endorsement of registration," the Board said.

"The Board is not making an application for approval of endorsement for scheduled medicines at this time."

The announcement has been welcomed by the profession, with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia saying it outlined a clear pathway and process to achieve autonomous pharmacist prescribing.

Guild National President,



George Tambasss, urged the Board to take the next step to empower pharmacists to prescribe autonomously.

"Quite clearly, autonomous pharmacist prescribing would improve access to treatment options for conditions that can be managed by a pharmacist - including after hours and on weekends when access to other health care professionals is limited or non-existent," he said.

"If pharmacist prescribing is to contribute to the delivery of sustainable, responsive and affordable access to medicines then it has to be autonomous, and we should proceed with the work required to achieve this."



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A BRITISH pharmacist has landed himself a six-month jail sentence after self-medicating with vodka aboard a flight from Manchester to Marrakech.

Muhamed Azam, 37, was described as one of the "worst plane passengers" by Thomas Cook staff who had to deal with the fiery father of six who was going on a "dads' holiday" to Morocco, after he downed a bottle of duty-free vodka, that he'd illegally smuggled onto the flight.

Manchester Crown Court heard Azam came to the attention of the now defunct airline's cabin crew early in the flight due to his loud swearing, prompting both his friends and the cabin crew to ask him to be quiet.

Shortly before landing, Azam approached galley asking for orange juice, telling the crew he was diabetic and would be ill without it.

He then asked for a bottle of juice, and was refused.

As the crew prepared for landing Azam became rude and accused them of racism.

After the plane landed he stood up despite the fasten-seatbelts sign being on and shouted, "I'm a pharmacist, I work hard for my money... you can't tell me what to f\$%@ing do".

Azam's lawyer said he accepted his behaviour was inappropriate, describing it as "laddish", and warned a custodial sentence would "result in him losing in job".

His pleas fell on deaf ears with the magistrate jailing him.

Medicines saving lives and money

AUSTRALIANS are living longer, healthier lives due to the introduction of new medicines, according to research from **Columbia University Business** School Professor Frank Lichtenberg quantifying the human and economic impact of innovative drugs.

Released yesterday at Medicines Australia's PharmAus19 conference at Parliament House, the study found premature mortality in Australia fell 22.6% between 1998 and 2015, with 94% of this fall attributed to better medicines and treatment.

New medicines launched in Australia between 1986 and 2000 reduced the total number of hospital stays in 2015 by 1.71 million days reducing hospitals costs by \$3.47 billion, as well as



some 3,500 lives saved last year by new cancer drugs.

In addition, medicines introduced between 1987 and 2003 contributed an additional 586,714 years of life to Australians aged up to 90 years in 2015.

Lichtenberg's research, Measuring the Impact of Pharmaceutical Innovation in Australia 1998–2018 was commissioned by Medicines Australia (MA) and a group of pharmaceutical companies.

He analysed the outcomes of

pharmaceutical innovation on premature mortality, hospital utilisation and cancer patient outcomes up to 2018.

MA CEO, Elizabeth de Somer, said the work highlighted pharmaceutical intervention as both effective, and cost-effective.

PBS webinar

THE Department of Health will be hosting a webinar on 28 Oct, 10:30am - 12:00pm, to provide industry, consumers and clinicians with information on the soon to be released Medicine Status Website.

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