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### Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from Amcal.

### Bowen at APP

**SHADOW** Federal Health Minister, Chris Bowen, will address delegates at the Australian Pharmacy Professional Conference (APP) on the Gold Coast, on 20 Mar.

Bowen has recently voiced his support for empowering pharmacists to work to their full scope of practice, provided they were in the best interests of patients (PD 27 Feb).

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### Problem solving

**AMCAL** is offering pharmacy owners the opportunity to develop their store as a healthcare destination and benefits from allied health partnerships, while also having access to dedicated retail and pharmacy support.

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## Containing coronavirus

**GOVERNMENTS** around the globe are being urged to empower pharmacists to play a central role in the effort to contain the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

In a statement from the World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA), International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) CEO, Dr Catherine Duggan, said the profession was playing a key part in providing advice to patients and supporting the broader health system.

"Pharmacists and the pharmacy workforce at community and hospital pharmacies and clinical biology laboratories are preventing the spread of the new coronavirus disease, advising the public, and supporting the efficient management of infection by healthcare systems," she said.

"Since pharmacies are often the first point of contact with the health system, we call on governments to support them in these roles and to count on pharmacists worldwide as key partners in the global effort to contain the outbreak."

The WHPA noted that pharmacists, nurses, doctors and other health professions have been "putting themselves at risk as they battle to protect their communities, often



without the required personal protective equipment, such as masks and hazardous material suits, that can keep them safe from infection and therefore able to carry on their vital work".

"The WHPA is calling on governments and healthcare organisations to support front line healthcare workers in any way they can, but especially and urgently through the supply of crucial personal protective equipment," the WHPA said.

"They should also ensure that staff are getting adequate breaks during their shifts, and time off between shifts, to be able to carry on in what could be a long-term global crisis."

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## Dispensary Corner

**AS AUSTRALIAN** pharmacists are being warned against dispensing unnecessary multiple repeats, in response to panic surrounding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) (*PD* yesterday), a pharmacy owner in Malaysia is facing jail time for restricting access to face masks.

The 46-year-old pharmacist was busted by the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs yesterday over allegations that he has breached the Price Control and Anti-Profitteering Act 2011, following complaints that he was refusing to sell face masks to patients, unless they also purchased hand sanitiser, as fears over the novel coronavirus grip the country.

The Ministry's chief enforcement officer, Md Asmadi Shafii, said undercover agents were sent to the pharmacy to verify the allegations prior to yesterday's bust.

Asmadi said the case was the first of its kind in the state involving face masks, with the pharmacist staring down a potential three-year jail sentence, a \$36,000 fine, or both, as a result of his efforts to boost hand hygiene.



## TWC Mints new PotY



**TERRYWHITE** Chemmart (TWC) Charlestown's, Michael Minter, has taken home the group's 2020 Pharmacists of the Year (PotY) Award.

Speaking at the group's Masterclass event gala dinner on Wed night, TWC CEO Duncan Phillips, noted Minter's passion for pharmacy as well as his motivation and drive.

"It's the calibre of our pharmacists that make TerryWhite Chemmart the pharmacy brand it is today and Michael is a true reflection of what it means to be great pharmacist," he said.

"Not only is Michael a great pharmacist, having been instrumental to his pharmacy of

Charlestown taking out the NSW TWC Pharmacy of the Year in 2019, he is a community leader and driver of change recently helping to transform his pharmacy into a community safe-space for marginal groups in the local and greater Newcastle region."

"Michael also takes charge of the store's DAA growth and recruitment strategy, something he is particularly passionate about having witnessed a large number of medication misadventure incidents and the severe lack of health literacy affecting his local community."

**Pictured**, TWC 2020 PotY winner, Michael Minter, with TWC 2019 PotY winner, Renee Wynne.

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**18 Mar:** AACP Accredited Pharmacists' Forum 2020; Sofitel Gold Coast, Broadbeach QLD; [www.aacp.com.au/events/forum-2020/](http://www.aacp.com.au/events/forum-2020/)

**19 - 22 Mar:** APP 2020; Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre; [www.appconference.com](http://www.appconference.com)

**04 - 05 Apr:** VIC/TAS Annual Therapeutic Update, 381 Royal Parade, Parkville, Melbourne; for more information visit: [www.psa.org.au](http://www.psa.org.au)

**18 - 19 Apr:** Pharmeducation Clinical Update; Holiday Inn, Potts Point, Sydney: register at [www.pharmeducation.com.au](http://www.pharmeducation.com.au)

**06 May:** APC & ANMAC Interprofessional Colloquium 2020; QT Hotel, Canberra; for more info visit: [www.ipecolloquium.com/](http://www.ipecolloquium.com/)

**19 - 21 June:** AACP 16th Annual Consultant Clinical Pharmacy Seminar; Hilton Adelaide; [www.aacp.com.au/events/conpharm-2020](http://www.aacp.com.au/events/conpharm-2020)

**18 -19 Jul:** Pharmeducation Clinical Update 2020; Brisbane Airport Conference Centre; [www.pharmeducation.com.au](http://www.pharmeducation.com.au)

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