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## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has three pages of the latest pharmacy news, plus a full page from the Australasian College of Pharmacy

## Aerowipe recall

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and Aero Healthcare AU Pty Ltd had issued a recall for two batches of Aerowipe Cleansing Wipes, due to "apparent mould contamination".

The TGA reported that the wipes were supplied in some first aid kits which were sold between 07 May and 25 Aug.

The affected batch numbers are 24473 (expiry 02/2025) and 24706 (expiry 04/2025).

The TGA said no other batches of the product are affected by the recall.

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## Victoria must fully use pharmacists

VICTORIA'S new Health Minister, Martin Foley, is being urged to recruit a Chief Pharmacist to ensure the State fully engages with the profession and ensures practitioners work to their full scope.

Welcoming the appointment of the former Minister for Mental Health, Pharmacy Guild of Australia Victorian Branch President, Anthony Tassone, stressed the need for a shake-up in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to optimise the use of pharmacists' training and expertise.

"It is imperative that the Victorian Government fully utilise the skills and competencies of pharmacists including the expansion of our scope of vaccines to align with what we have been asked to be trained to know by the Victorian DHHS – including travel vaccines," he said

"Given his experience with the Mental Health services portfolio – we must also see a properly funded and resourced opioid replacement

therapy program across the state to help improve and ensure access for patients.

"From what we have experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a dire need for the Victorian health bureaucracy to help provide leadership and guidance to the Government on pharmacy related services as well as better engage with our profession.

"This is the case in other state health departments and it will be a matter we will be taking up with Minister Foley at the earliest opportunity."

Foley was appointed as Health Minister on Sat following Jenny Mikakos's resignation in the wake of Premier Daniel Andrews's appearance at the State's hotel quarantine inquiry, during which he said that he regarded Mikakos as being "accountable for the program".

In a statement announcing her



resignation Mikakos defended her integrity and praised the State's frontline health workforce.

"I have been in awe of our health professionals saving lives every day, and I can never express my admiration of them enough," she said.

Despite voicing frustrations over number of issues during the COVID crisis, Tassone thanked Mikakos for her efforts in expanding the State's pharmacists immunisation program and the adoption and implementation of SafeScript.

**Pictured**, Anthony Tassone, Pauline Richards MP and Minister for Health Martin Foley.

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## Govts have duty to expand vax access

**GOVERNMENTS** around the globe have a public health duty to expand vaccination coverage through pharmacies, International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) CEO, Dr Catherine Duggan, believes.

Launching the FIP Digital Program to transform vaccination globally and regionally, Duggan said urgent action was needed to ensure equity of access to disease prevention measures, including boosting investment in vaccination services through community pharmacies.

“Vaccination not only protects against illness but also reduces the burden that illness places on society and individuals,” she said.

“Vaccinated children will grow into healthier adults who are more economically active.

“Vaccinated adults will take less time off work and be more able to contribute positively to society.

“One of the key levers for increasing vaccination rates across people’s life-course is to increase

convenience of access and it is not difficult to see the significant role pharmacy could play in this.

“This call is particularly urgent as vaccines against COVID-19 enter advanced stages of clinical research, and mass immunisation strategies will be required not only to protect the most vulnerable population groups, but to avoid additional lockdowns and economic paralysis.

“Increasing vaccination coverage is one of the most effective ways of doing this.”

Speaking during an earlier session at the FIP Virtual Congress this month, Duggan highlighted the socio-economic benefits of vaccinations, saying that investing in vaccine programs was “one of the most cost-effective health interventions”.

The FIP Digital Program called on Governments to “expand the regulatory scope of practice of appropriately trained and certified pharmacists to authorise them



to administer a broad range of vaccines beyond infancy”.

The document co-signed by Duggan, FIP President, Donique Jordan, FIP Board of Pharmaceutical Practice, Paul Sinclair and other members of the FIP Bureau, said Governments should “invest in prevention strategies, including vaccines and vaccination services by all providers, including pharmacists, to ensure equity in access to vaccinations and the sustainability of the service”, and to “include pharmacists in emergency preparedness and response plans as frontline health workers”.



## Dispensary Corner

LIP syncing is usually confined to the stage with performers seeking to spare their vocal cords for another show.

However, Spanish actor turned politician, Carlos Galiana has brought it to a new stage, delivering a speech to the European Commission last week.

Sporting a face mask, the councillor from Valencia expressed his civic pride in word-perfect English, with no trace of an accent.

However, despite his mask moving in time with the oration, Galiana was not uttering a word, instead the minute-long speech had been dubbed by a native English speaker.

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## Meds caught in go-slow

INDUSTRIAL action being taken by wharves in Sydney's Port Botany are adversely impacting the country's medicines supply chain, *The Daily Telegraph* reports.

The tabloid said critical medicines have been caught up in a pay dispute, with wharves adopting "go-slow" tactics in their efforts to secure a 6% annual wage increase over the next four years, from container terminal operator, Patrick Terminals.

Pharmacy Guild of Australia Vice President, Trent Twomey, said the action, led by the Maritime Union of Australia (MUA), has led to shortages of cholesterol and cancer treatments, threatening the integrity of the supply chain.

"We now have drug shortages, and I find we have drug outages, and that results in deaths," Twomey said.

"I will be putting those at the feet of the MUA.

"Containers filled with major medicines are floating just off shore and even if companies have to divert to air, rail and road, that pushes the cost of freight up and ultimately that gets passed on to the consumer."



*The Daily Telegraph* reported a spokesperson for Patrick Terminals said the company was "bewildered" by the union's claims, reporting the average permanent employee on the dock earned \$155,000 a year, almost double the average income of pharmacists recorded (\$80,550) in the 2019 *Pharmacy Daily Salary Survey* (PD 06 May 2019).

Prime Minister, Scott Morrison took aim at the union, claiming it was "holding the country to ransom with extortionate claims...when we are in a COVID recession".



### Weekly Comment

Welcome to Pharmacy Daily's weekly comment feature. This week's contributor is **Judy Cheung-Wood, Inventor, Founder, Managing Director, SkinB5**



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Professor Young completed his PhD at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and was appointed to a lectureship in the University of London in 1986. He returned to Australia as Senior Research Fellow at the Sir Albert Sakzewski Virus Research Centre in 1989 and joined the University of Queensland as a Senior Lecturer in 1991. Prof. Young is the Chair of the Virology Division of the International Union for Microbiological Societies. He is the past President of both the Australian Society for Microbiology and the Asia Pacific Society for Medical Virology. Prof. Young is currently leading the development of the University of Queensland's COVID-19 vaccine.

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