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## Workforce shortages to impact voting

**POLITICAL** leaders are being urged to publicly state how they will address ongoing workforce shortages across the health sector if they are to form the next Federal Government, before Australians go to the polls on Sat.

A survey conducted on behalf of the Australian Private Hospitals Association (APHA) found that 90% of respondents reported that they were concerned about workforce shortages, with more than half saying it was an issue that would affect how they cast their ballot this weekend.

APHA CEO, Michael Roff, expressed his frustration that neither Labor nor the Liberal Party have addressed the issue as part of their campaign manifestos.

"While Australians understand a shortage of nurses will constrain efforts to clear the backlog of essential elective surgery or improve the quality of aged care, it is disappointing that neither major party seems to get it," he said.

"With all the major 'set-piece'

announcements of the campaign now done, neither of the parties seeking to form government has put forward a plan to address this critical health workforce shortage.

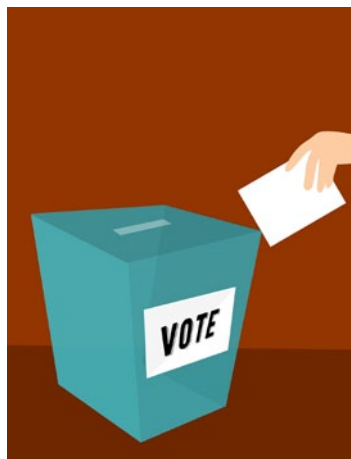
"We are calling on both parties to announce a plan to guarantee a pathway to permanent residency for skilled health care migrants coming to Australia, while we also build capacity at home.

"It is not just a matter of opening the borders and inviting people to come, we are competing for nurses, doctors and allied health professionals with the rest of the world.

"The UK, France and Canada have all made steps to make residency easier for migrant health professionals... Australia needs to step up or lose out."

Roff added that health workers were reluctant to come to Australia at the moment, due to regulatory issues.

"As pressure to deliver delayed elective surgeries is at its height, Australia is struggling to fill its



workforce needs," he said.

That could mean further delays for people who have already waited years for help and result in an even more exhausted workforce.

"In the short term, there's a solution... it's reducing the red-tape around bringing people into the country for employers and making Australia the most attractive option for those looking for a new place to call home."

## Cough relief

**FLORDIS'S** Prospan uses a five-action formula to provide patients with relief from cough symptoms, using ivy leaf extract, EA 575, to clear "stubborn chest congestion". See **cover page** for more.

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## Dispensary Corner

**PHARMACIES** are increasingly becoming health hubs for their community, offering a range of services from nutritional advice to chronic disease management.

However, few would argue that the community pharmacy sector is ideally placed when it comes to delivering babies.

But when Anna Maria Lodono's waters broke as she was walking down a street in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain, last Mon, staff from a nearby pharmacy rushed to her aid, and helped her to safely deliver a baby girl, local English language publication, *The Olive Press*, reported.

A quick-thinking pharmacy assistant brought Lodono into the store, and lay a blanket on the floor, before using large sunscreen ads to cover the shop's windows, giving the mother some privacy.

## SA moves on kids' flu vax

**SOUTH** Australia is the latest jurisdiction to authorise trained pharmacist immunisers to administer influenza vaccines to children aged five years and older, in line with COVID-19 immunisations.

The move announced by SA Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Chris Picton, on Friday, will allow pharmacists to supply and administer National Immunisation Program (NIP) flu shots to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged five years and older, and private market doses to children over five years of age.

Pharmaceutical Society of Australia SA Branch President, Robyn Johns, said the decision would significantly boost access to flu shots for children in the state.

"This is great news for both South Australians and our pharmacist immunisers," she said.

"Influenza vaccinations are as important as ever this year, and we are pleased that SA's pharmacists can help increase vaccine accessibility and protect



our vulnerable populations.

"Our pharmacists continue to go over and above for their communities.

"They are one of our most accessible healthcare workforces and are trained and experienced in vaccinating younger age groups.

"This announcement partially delivers on one of PSA's SA election recommendations – that pharmacists be enabled to administer medicines by injection, with an expanded range of vaccines."



## Weekly Comment

Welcome to Pharmacy Daily's weekly comment feature. This week's contributor is Amit

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### Nappy Rash – the best approach to treat.

**NAPPY** rash is a common skin condition in children under two.

It is usually characterised by red, raw skin in the nappy area which is itchy and sore, making babies irritated and unsettled.

While the main cause of nappy rash is prolonged contact time with urine or faeces on the skin, it can also be caused by a nappy rubbing against skin, soap, or alcohol-based wipes.

Usually, frequent changing of the nappy to keep the area dry should resolve a mild rash, but your pharmacist's advice may be necessary if the symptoms don't improve in a day or two.

When picking the right nappy cream, both barrier and repair properties are equally important to ensure a speedy recovery.

Usually zinc-based creams are very good for providing barrier, while panthenol containing creams ensure quick repair of the irritated skin.

A gently spreadable product can also help to ensure that the affected area is not further aggravated. A combination approach with the optimum balance between barrier and repair in a spreadable cream is the key to fast recovery.

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## Gummy recall

**SUPPLEMENT** brand, Swisse, has announced a recall of a single batch of its Beauty Collagen Glow Gummies, due to contamination with mould.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) reported that mould had been discovered in bottles of the product, causing discolouration and texture changes in the gummies.

The TGA noted that the mould posed minimal risk to the general population.

The affected batch number is #106188 with an expiry of 06/2023.



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