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## Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news, plus a full page from TerryWhite Chemmart.

## TGA cancels FatBlaster Max

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has stripped complementary medicine, FatBlaster Max, of its listing on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG).

The regulator has alleged the product's sponsor, Cat Media Pty Ltd, breached the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* by promoting it for a therapeutic use for which it was not listed for.

Cat Media has applied to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal to review the TGA's decision to cancel FatBlaster Max's listing on the ARTG.

# Labor to review NPS funding decision

**MOVES** to defund NPS MedicineWise from 01 Jan 2023, announced in the Federal Budget, could be reversed under a Labor Government, with the party pledging to review the decision.

In a letter to the independent body, Labor committed to supporting measures to ensure quality use of medicines into the future.

"In the 2022 Budget, the Morrison Government ceased funding NPS MedicineWise as the steward of supporting doctors and patients on the safe and quality use of medicines; work NPS MedicineWise has been responsible for since 1998, a period which has seen their work deliver a \$1.1 billion saving to the PBS," the letter said.

"This decision has been criticised by doctor and consumer groups alike, who raise concerns about the implications for people's health.

"If elected to Government on 21 May 2022 Labor will review this decision, with a primary goal



of ensuring the quality use of medicines going forward."

Welcoming Labor's statement, NPS CEO, Katherine Burchfield, said a review of the Budget decision should be conducted in consultation with stakeholders including health professionals and patients.

"It would fit as part of a broader review of the National Medicines Policy (NMP), which has been postponed until after the election to work through extensive stakeholder feedback," she said.

"The NMP review is an opportunity to ensure the way QUM is driven in Australia is fit-for-purpose 24 years after the creation of the policy.

"This is a new post-pandemic world with exciting innovations in medicines and healthcare, but also growing tensions between access, affordability and safety.

"In this new environment and contest the need for independent QUM stewardship is more critical than ever."

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## PDL seeks new NSW Director

PHARMACISTS registered in NSW and the ACT are being invited to nominate to join the Board of professional indemnity insurer, Pharmaceutical Defence Limited (PDL).

The organisation announced that casual vacancy will exist from 01 Jul until its annual general meeting in 2025, with current NSW/ACT Director, Curtis Ruhnau, retiring at the end of the Financial Year.

To be eligible for the position, candidates must hold unrestricted general registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), be a financial member of PDL, have a sound understanding of corporate governance, and commit to PDL Board protocols.

The role involves governance responsibilities encompassing legal, ethical, fiduciary and financial aspects of the organisation, with the successful candidate also representing PDL at events within NSW and the ACT.

Expressions of interest can be submitted [HERE](#).

## Flu vax cost concerns

CONCERNS that Australians are passing on getting this year's influenza vaccine are behind calls from Queensland's Health Minister, Yvette D'Ath, for the Federal Government to subsidise access to the shots.

Confirmed flu cases in the State for the year have jumped from 1,848 last week to 4,282 in the last seven days, with 457 patients being admitted to public hospitals in Queensland since the start of Apr, *ABC News* reported.

Data from Queensland Health has also revealed that 180 people have been diagnosed as having both COVID-19 and flu at the same time, with almost half of these cases aged between 10 and 29 years.

D'Ath has said she will write to the Federal Government to request that access to free flu vaccines be expanded to boost uptake.

*The Courier-Mail* reported that D'Ath said she wanted to ensure barriers to vaccination, including cost, were removed.

Queensland Health Chief Operating Officer, Dr David Rosengren, told the News Corp publication that pressure being put on the health system by the surge in flu cases was "everyone's problem".



"We need to encourage the community to go out and get your flu vaccination, go out and get your COVID vaccination," he said.

"Don't contribute to the burden of demand in our emergency departments by finding yourself in the back of an ambulance being transported to hospital because haven't found the time or the effort get the flu vaccination."

The call for Queenslanders to get vaccinated came after State Deputy Premier, and former Health Minister, Steven Miles, criticised GPs for allegedly refusing to see patients with flu symptoms, and adding pressure on the hospital system.

However, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners President, Dr Karen Price, said it was not right to blame GPs for the current situation, saying practices were being stretched to capacity.



## Dispensary Corner

**HOT** whiskeys with lemon and cloves are a standard winter warmer for many battling colds during the winter months.

But it appears that Pope Francis has another alcohol-based home-remedy to tackle aches and pains.

Asked by a group of Mexican seminarians about how he was coping with knee issues that have flared up in recent weeks, the Pontiff suggested that his physiotherapy was missing a critical component.

"Do you know what I need for my knee," Pope Francis asked. "A little tequila".

The aspiring priests told the leader of the Catholic Church that they would bring a bottle of the miracle cure, when they visit Pope Francis' home at the Santa Marta house in the Vatican.

While memories of tequila-induced hangovers may leave some readers feeling nauseous at the thought of drinking the beverage, the raw ingredients of the potent drink have been used for centuries to ease inflammation.

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