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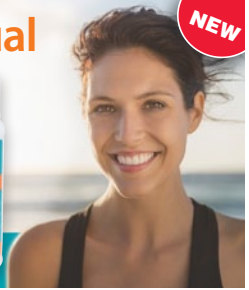
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Pharmacy Daily today features three pages of news, a front cover from LiveLife Central, plus a full page from Corum.

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LIVELIFE Pharmacy Group is looking to attract pharmacists who want to actively engage, advise and enrich the lives of patients.

The network prides itself on providing flexible working conditions and access to professional development.

See cover page for more.

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Evidence for full scope is there: FIP

PHARMACISTS around the world need to use the evidence from the COVID-19 pandemic to extend the profession's scope of practice, International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) President, Dominique Jordan, believes.

Addressing the opening session of the FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Seville, Spain, on Sun, Jordan said the global health crisis had demonstrated that "pharmacists and pharmacies are integral to a well-functioning healthcare system".

He added that the pandemic had accelerated the expansion of scope of practice at an "unprecedented rate", noting the number of jurisdictions where pharmacy-based vaccination has been approved has doubled over the last six years.

FIP Vice President, Ash Soni, added that the pandemic had disrupted health services and had brought additional burdens,



including an increase in mental healthcare needs.

"Add wars and food insecurities to this landscape, and it can be no surprise that decades of improvements in health outcomes are now under threat of reversal," Soni said.

"If universal health coverage is to become a reality, growth in the provision and use of essential health services through pharmacy

must accelerate further.

"Pharmacy — through its many sectors and areas of expertise — is vital to universal health coverage."

The 2023 FIP World Congress will be co-hosted by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA), the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA), and the Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA), in Brisbane from 24 to 28 Sep 2023.

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Pharmacists play key roles: Board

AUSTRALIAN pharmacists' roles in delivering a diverse range of important health services in challenging times, has been lauded by Pharmacy Board of Australia Chair, Brett Simmonds.

In a statement released yesterday, Simmonds acknowledged "the significant efforts of all pharmacists across the country in providing essential healthcare services in various settings".

He noted that pharmacists had contributed to the provision of universal access to sexual and reproductive care, preventing and treating substance abuse, and fighting communicable diseases.

"Australian pharmacists have supported healthcare systems and communities during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters such as floods," he said.

"In diverse roles, pharmacists have contributed to ensuring medications are used safely and appropriately during clinical



trials and research experiments and have been involved in managing drug shortages, developing treatment protocols, the exploration of new drugs and antimicrobial stewardship.

"In the community they have provided medication management advice to patients, carers and healthcare practitioners."

The Board's statement comes in the lead-up to World Pharmacists Day this Sun 25 Sep, which is this

year is highlighting the role of pharmacists in meeting the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) – Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages.

"On behalf of the Board, which regulates Australia's 35,368 pharmacists I would like to thank all pharmacists for the difference they make to the current and future health of people in Australian communities," he said.

Change at Sigma

SIGMA Healthcare's Head of Franchise Brands, David Preston, is adding the leadership of the Amcal and Guardian Pharmacy groups to his role.

Preston's appointment followed Kurt O'Brien's departure from the role as Head of Amcal and Guardian.

Preston will bring frontline experience as the owner of an Amcal pharmacy in East Gippsland.

"It's a privilege to be able to take on the role leading Amcal and Guardian given the incredible heritage and status amongst the most trusted brands in Australia's pharmacy retail sector," he said.

O'Brien is set to take on new opportunities outside of the pharmacy sector, after almost eight years with Sigma, three of which were as Head of Amcal and Guardian.

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Dispensary Corner

WITH 95 days to go to Christmas, it may seem a little early to be decking shop fronts with boughs of holly.

But that's not the case for staff at one pharmacy in Northern Ireland who have already embraced the festive spirit.

Shoppers in Aghnacloy, Co Tyrone, were surprised to spot Christmas decorations in one window of McKeever's Chemist on 05 Sep, surpassing its previous record of 29 Sep, set last year, the *Belfast Telegraph* reported.

However, pharmacy assistant, Carmel Hayde, explained the decision to put up the store's Christmas tree a "little early" was not based on a love of the festive season, but rather a practical issue.

"I'm away on holidays," she said.

Hayde noted that between Halloween (31 Oct) and Christmas, the pharmacy has traditionally seen a spike in foot traffic, meaning staff at the shop would be too busy to decorate.

She said that the decision has had a mixed reaction from shoppers, noting "some people come into the shop and they say 'no way'," but she said, "there's too much doom and gloom and people need a little bit of a lift".



Location rules handbook

PHARMACY owners looking for guidance about the pharmacy location rules can now access an updated applicant's handbook through the Department of Health and Aged Care's website.

The 63-page guide, which was published yesterday, covers a broad range of issues including when a pharmacist must seek the approval of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

"It is strongly recommended that all potential applicants consult this handbook before lodging an application," the Department said.

"The purpose of this handbook is to provide information and guidance to pharmacists who wish to make an application to establish a new pharmacy or relocate an existing pharmacy, approved to supply pharmaceutical benefits.

"The requirements for approval are contained in the pharmacy location rules, determined by the



Minister for Health and Aged Care on 18 Sep 2018."

To support pharmacists seeking to make an application to establish a new pharmacy or to relate a Section 90 store, the Department has also released a flow chart, to assist pharmacists to make valid applications.

CLICK HERE to access the handbook, and **HERE** to view the flowchart.

Pharmacists critical to curbing HPV

PHARMACIST immunisers are being urged to sign up to the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's (PSA's) *Let's Talk About HPV* (human papillomavirus) webinar next week.

Vaccine manufacturer, Seqirus, noted that "pharmacists have an increasingly important role to play when it comes to providing and enabling immunisation programs within the community".

"With the scope of practice of pharmacist immunisers now expanding to include HPV vaccination in some jurisdictions, community pharmacists have an increasingly important role in helping to eliminate cervical cancer in Australia," Seqirus said

in a statement.

"To help prepare eligible pharmacist immunisers to deliver HPV vaccination within pharmacy, an educational webinar will be hosted by the PSA focussing on HPV pathogenesis, HPV-related diseases and the impact of HPV vaccines."

The webinar, will be available to pharmacists across the country on 28 Sep, and will include details about the recommended population groups, dosing schedules and practical information about for engaging with patients and parents about the vaccination.

CLICK HERE to register.

Pharmacy Guild Update

Pharmacy Connect delivers

A RECORD number of 904 pharmacy owners, pharmacists, pharmacy assistants, pharmacy students and industry stakeholders gathered in Sydney for the long-awaited Pharmacy Connect 2022, which didn't fail to deliver.

The event began with an industry update by Guild National President, Professor Trent Twomey.

Consumer behaviour expert, Professor Gary Mortimer, delivered a thought-provoking overview of private label medicines, whilst Westpac Group's Chief Economist, Jarek Kowcza, provided an overview of Australia's macroeconomic environment including the downstream impact on health.

Program highlights included political addresses by NSW Labor Leader, Mr Chris Minns MP; Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care, Senator the Hon Anne Ruston; Member for Wentworth, Ms Allegra Spender MP, and Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Emma McBride MP.

The conference concluded with an inspirational presentation by Olympic Gold Medallist for rowing, Kim Brennan.

Photos of the event can be viewed by visiting the [Pharmacy Connect Facebook](#) page.

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