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Australia's major peak bodies and industry participants are coming together, representing a rich cross-section of the Pharmacy Industry to support the career aspirations of attendee's looking to commence and further develop an exciting career for themselves as a Pharmacist.

The summit will comprise an extensive series of keynotes and conversations in the Auditorium in conjunction with Exhibition Halls where you will be able to chat one-on-one with many of Australia's leading Pharmacy Employer organisations, Peak Bodies and Universities at their virtual booths.

The opportunities throughout the event for your career are immense and not to be missed, so please join us on 7 July, 2023 between 9.50am – 5.00pm AEST for this **free** event.

Find out more at pharmacycareerssummit.com.au



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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features three pages of news, plus a front cover from **Pharmacy Careers Summit**, and full pages from **Nova Pharmaceuticals** and **Glucogel**.

60-day dispensing

THERE is a strong likelihood that the double dispensing of scripts for several hundred pharmacy medicines will go through as a measure to bring down costs for the Federal Government in the upcoming Budget to be handed down on 09 May.

An emergency webinar was held yesterday by the Pharmacy Guild to inform their members ahead of a possible 01 Jul implementation.

It's understood that the 60-day dispensing measure is included in draft Budget papers currently in circulation (**PD 13 Apr**).

Industry careers summit announced

EXCLUSIVE

A **NEWLY** launched Pharmacy Careers Summit will take place in Jul this year, with the one-day event having already attracted strong support from across the sector.

Pharmacy Daily is proud to be associated with the initiative which is presented by Raven's Recruitment and aims to provide an opportunity to further develop Australia's pharmacy workforce.

Taking place on 07 Jul in an online format, the inaugural **Pharmacy Daily** Pharmacy Careers Summit 2023 (PCS23) is free to attend and will feature a range of keynote speakers on key topics as well as a virtual "Exhibition Hall" where participants can chat one-on-one with a range of pharmacy industry employer organisations, peak bodies and universities.

Confirmed presenters include Pharmacy Guild of Australia National President, Trent Twomey; PSA National President Fei Sim; Advanced Practice Pharmacist



Debbie Rigby; and Professor Andrew McLachlan from the Sydney University School of Pharmacy.

Sessions will also highlight a range of career options including community, hospital and industry, as well as opportunities for pharmacists working in other settings such as residential aged care and GP clinics, while Medici Capital's Natalie Sirianni and Frank Sirianni will also speak on "the journey to pharmacy ownership".

Pharmacy Daily publisher, Bruce Piper, said the opportunities within the pharmacy sector are immense, and it was vital to showcase them in an accessible format like this.

"The inaugural Pharmacy Careers Summit is a must-attend gathering for any aspiring and current pharmacy professionals," he said.

"We are so thrilled at the huge support already shown across the sector, and would very much like to thank those sponsors who are backing this vital initiative, including the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Symbion and the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia," Piper added.

Alan Sutton, the owner of Raven's

Recruitment and the driving force behind the initiative, said he believes that the Pharmacy Careers Summit will become a leading event on Australia's annual pharmacy calendar.

"There are so many pathways for pharmacists wanting to build their careers, and we believe this event fills a vital gap in helping to further develop strong futures for Australia's pharmacists," Sutton explained.

As well as an extensive conference program, there will be Exhibition Halls with an array of employers and organisations with some limited booth spaces still available at the Summit.

Sutton also wanted to recognise the commitment of all the peak membership bodies coming together with a common cause, to lift the numbers of students studying pharmacy and highlight the amazing career opportunities that exist within the pharmacy industry.

Registrations for the event are now open via a dedicated website at pharmacycareerssummit.com.au - more details on the **cover page** of today's *Pharmacy Daily*.



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Free WA flu vax

THE WA Government today announced that all Western Australians will be able to access a free influenza vaccine from their local pharmacist.

It's the first state jurisdiction to fund influenza jabs ahead of the 2023 flu season, with Pharmaceutical Society of Australia WA Branch President, Lusi Sheehan, urging the public to be vaccinated before winter.

Influenza vaccines will be available throughout May at participating pharmacies, GPs, Aboriginal Medical services and regional clinics.

WA Health Minister, Amber-Jade Sanderson, noted that young children in particular at risk, with a public health awareness campaign to also launch next week under the "Stay Well" banner to remind all Western Australians to keep up to date with their COVID-19 and flu vaccinations.

Sanofi grants for vax public education

AHEAD of World Immunisation Week (24-30 Apr), Sanofi Australia yesterday opened applications for the 2023 With Vaccines Community Grants program.

Sanofi is offering five \$10k grants to support not-for-profit organisations looking to improve public health information via community initiatives.

Sanofi Australia & New Zealand Country Medical Lead, Dr Iris Depaz, said Sanofi is proud to support community-based initiatives that aim to protect the health of Australians.

"Health information at the grass-roots level is important to improving public health," Depaz said.

"This is only the second year of the grants program and we're already seeing positive results in hard-to-reach communities."

Craig Lloyd, CEO of the City of Whittlesea in Victoria, said a grant last year from Sanofi helped to support a creative health education



initiative for children.

"The grant supported a re-print of the *A Yarn About Germs* children's book, developed in partnership with the Bubup Wilam Early Learning Centre," Lloyd said.

"This has allowed an additional group of local children, and their families, to learn about the importance of immunisation in a culturally-appropriate manner."

Depaz will lead an expert judging panel to determine the five strongest submissions to receive grant funding.

"Sanofi looks forward to helping bring to life much-needed and innovative ideas to support vaccination-focused health efforts," Depaz said.

"As a leader in vaccines, we want to make sure communities in Australia are supported and informed about immunisations and vaccine-preventable diseases.

"I encourage all not-for-profits and community groups to get involved and put their ideas forward."

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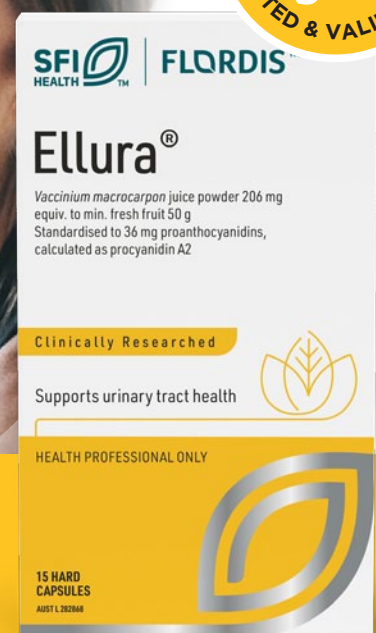
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Dispensary Corner

PATRIOTIC badges showing Winnie-the-Pooh being punched in the face by a Taiwanese black bear - a humorous dig at China's leader Xi Jinping - have gone viral across the self-ruled island.

The iron-on patches being worn by some of Taiwan's air force pilots are a defiant message to Xi, who is often satirised for looking like the honey-loving cartoon bear.

"It's amazing. It's the happiest thing in recent days," social media user Mark Sasha Liang said on Facebook.

Chen Kai-chu, another fan, said, "wear this to go through Chinese customs".

The badges have scramble! and 'We are open 24/7' written on them, AFP reported.



FIP Aust appt and award

AUSTRALIAN pharmacist Tara Hehir (pictured) was last week elected to the executive committee of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Board of Pharmaceutical Practice.

A number of Aussies are on FIP's Social and Administrative Pharmacy Section (SAPS) that brings together members from diverse practice settings and backgrounds.

The current President is also Hehir, who was appointed last year (PD 16 Aug 2022), and took over from Aussie and immediate past President, Dr Timothy Chen.

Other Aust SAPS members are Dr Ramesh Walpola, Dr Kenji Fujita, Dr Jack Collins, and Peter Guthrey.

Further, FIP is calling for applications for the SAPS Research Award 2023 which is now open.

Applications can be submitted **HERE** by 01 May.

Those interested should note that projects need to be relevant to SAPS or to FIP more broadly.

SAPS has built up special expertise in pharmacoeconomics, outcomes research, research



administration, quality assurance, pharmacoepidemiology, quality-of-life studies, epidemiology, patient satisfaction, professional society management, evaluation research, evidence-based practice, health planning, regulatory affairs and health policy investigations.

On offer by SAPS is a €1,500 (A\$2,452) annual award to cover costs for the selected project.

Award winners must submit an invoice and paid receipt of expenses incurred to be reimbursed the research grant award.

Under scrutiny!

AN INDEPENDENT investigation has been initiated into the National Mental Health Commission's functions and operations.

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said, "to ensure the Govt and the public continue to have confidence in the Commission, I have initiated an independent investigation into the allegations that have been raised in the media".

This investigation into the Commission will:

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