

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news.

SA gives go-ahead

SOUTH Australia's Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Chris Picton has announced that community pharmacists will be authorised to supply antibiotics from Mar next year, to treat uncomplicated urinary tract infections for women aged between 18 and 65 years.

Additionally, from May next year, women in SA will also be able to obtain a resupply of their oral contraceptive pill from a trained pharmacist.

SA Guild Branch President Nick Panayiaris said, "the Labor Govt continues to recognise the valuable role that community pharmacy plays and how the better utilisation of appropriately trained health professionals can ease the burden on our health system."

CPC24 to upskill practice

EARLY bird registrations are now open for next year's PSA's Credentialed Pharmacist Conference (CPC24) taking place in Cairns from 03 to 05 May.

CPC24 Conference Chair Debbie Rigby (**pictured**) has invited credentialed pharmacists to immerse themselves in a weekend of advanced clinical education.

"CPC24 is a must-attend conference for credentialed pharmacists and those undergoing accreditation," Rigby said.

"I have the pleasure of chairing the program committee and we have a great mix of speakers and therapeutic topics, all relevant to what we do for medication reviews in various settings."

PSA National President Dr Fei Sim reaffirmed PSA's commitment to credentialed pharmacists, highlighting the high calibre of education expected at CPC.

"The CPC24 program is curated by credentialed pharmacists, for credentialed pharmacists," Sim said.

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CPC brings together hundreds of pharmacists from around Australia to "connect and engage with high-quality education, practical knowledge and skills that can be immediately applied to practice".

"Each session is led by renowned experts and industry leaders who share their insights, experiences and knowledge, providing delegates the chance to learn from the best."

Delegates who register before 24 Feb can save up to \$145 on conference registration, catering, and supplier exhibition, as well as tickets to the social functions.

The first 100 registrations will also go into the draw to win back their ticket cost. JG

PSA's yearly report

THE just released PSA Annual Report 2022-2023 details activity to support the organisation's mission to embed, equip, and enable pharmacists to be at the forefront of healthcare.

Releasing the report, Chief Executive Officer Adj A/Prof Steve Morris said that the review demonstrates the breadth of PSA's work and focus on supporting members to further their practice.

"In the last 12 months we have had over 100,000 enrolments in online CPD, solidifying our place as leaders in delivering high-quality education to Australian pharmacists," Morris added.

"Over the next year and beyond, we must continue to fight for the future of the pharmacy profession, ensuring opportunities for positive career progression in all areas of practice" - see the report [HERE](#).



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Dispensary Corner

HUNDREDS of billboards featuring evocative poems which have been installed around the Iranian capital are contributing to an increase in road accidents, police have told *Yahoo News*.

Tehran municipality has put up some 600 billboards displaying excerpts from the work of contemporary Iranian poets on overhead pedestrian bridges and flyovers across the city.

The neat calligraphy features the work of 104 poets and covers multiple topics including romance, religion and society.

However, a report by the state television-linked Young Journalists Club (YJC) released recently stated that police in the capital were concerned about the road safety aspects of the campaign.

The YJC report said the numerous poems have been a source of distraction to drivers in the traffic-choked city because of their length and often "hard-to-read text" which "causes accidents".

"Billboards around the city should be short and concise, and able to convey the message with just a short glance by the driver," the YJC quoted Tehran's Deputy Traffic Police Chief Ehsan Momeni as saying.



Ego gets under the skin on sunscreens

SUNSENSE partnered with Chemist Warehouse to celebrate the launch of two new sunscreens just in time for summer, and to shine a light on SunSense's partnership with Melanoma Institute Australia (MIA).

The exclusive lunch event, held at Pyrmont's Sala Dining in Sydney, was hosted by Erin Holland and featured a panel of guest speakers from Ego Pharmaceuticals and MIA.

Dr Fabrizio Spada, Ego's Scientific Affairs Manager, gave guests an overview of the science behind sunscreens and how they actually work, the correct technique to apply sunscreens and asking pharmacy customers to "trust their instincts", and get any changes to skin checked and rechecked.

MIA's CEO, Matthew Browne, spoke about the organisation's partnership with SunSense, which



has raised more than \$1.3m over seven years to fund vital research to help achieve its goal of zero deaths from melanoma.

In particular, Browne shared how SunSense's donations are contributing towards MIA's Personalised Immunotherapy Platform which was developed to ensure advanced melanoma patients receive effective treatment the first time, based on their own

genetics and tumour biology.

Rounding out the panel were MIA ambassadors, retired NRL star Luke Lewis and his wife Sonia, who shared experience with melanoma.

Sonia is a melanoma survivor, and the couple spoke about their tough journey and the importance of early detection, retesting again and prevention. *JG*

Pictured (L-R): Luke, Sonia, Holland, Spada and Browne.

SA recycling trial

A **RECYCLING** initiative from Optical by National Pharmacies has been launched involving 10 of its optical stores to recycle contact lens waste to coincide with National Recycling Week (Nov 13-19).

The 10 stores in SA will be the first in the nation to participate in a trial aiming to divert about 230,000 empty disposable contact lens blister cases from landfill over the next six months.

Partner Opticycle will separate the contact lens cases into plastic and aluminium for repurposing into building products, including plastic fence posts and plastic wheel stops, and in the production of steel - see customer drop off locations [HERE](#).

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