

Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today features two pages of news.

CAPS present

THE Community and Pharmacy Support Group representatives were present at yesterday's NSW Guild reception to ensure their voices continue to be heard against the 60-Day Double Dispensing policy impacts.



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New scope expansion and life awards

NSW Health Minister Ryan Park (pictured right below) last night confirmed that the profession's scope of practice will be expanded to include minor skin conditions by early Mar.

"Tonight, we announced that we will move to the next stage of the trial, which is the management of skin conditions in NSW, an important component of the scope of practice, and we will launch this in early Mar," he said speaking at the NSW Guild reception at Parliament House in Sydney.

"This phase of the trial is within NSW Health and we will liaise with a strong team that will look at the alternative service models for the component, recognising that pharmacists already provide advice to consumers on mild skin conditions," Park commented.

He added that there is strong



support for the Guild, "across the political divide in this place and that comes because its [policy is] evidence-based, well thought through and community orientated, and I and all the members in this Parliament continue to look forward to working with you."

NSW Guild Branch President David Heffernan added the Guild has looked at modelling that allows pharmacy to work with physios and nurses and "it's not about replacing the jobs of anyone but addressing community needs".

Meanwhile, Heffernan acknowledged the significant and current contributions of five life members to the Guild - John Bell, Philip and Janet Wade, Gerard



Stevens and Gerard McNerney. "They all have provided great service to their communities and have contributed greatly to the NSW Health system." JG

Pictured top (L-R): Shadow Regional Minister Bronwyn Taylor, Bell, Park, Wades, Stevens, McNerney and Guild National President Trent Twomey.

Step up to care

PHARMACISTS can play a greater role in helping patients manage their mental health through the quality use of medicines, a new report from the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has found.

The sixth edition of PSA's flagship *Medicine Safety series, Medicine Safety: Mental Health Care* report highlights opportunities for pharmacists to better support Australians using medicines to treat mental health conditions, including improving access to care and investing in quality use of medicines services at critical points of care.

Recommendations from the report support better medicine management and wrap-around mental healthcare [HERE](#).

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Dispensary Corner



MOVE over dental health models, 26-year-old Kalpana Balan from India is not your average dental superstar - she has just clinched the *Guinness World Records* this month with an impressive 38 teeth in her mouth - that's right, six more than the dental *status quo* known for humans.

Balan has four extra mandibular teeth on her lower jaw and two extra maxillary teeth on her upper jaw.

Her extra chompers, known as supernumerary teeth, started growing when she was a teenager, and she initially was going to have them removed, but dentists told her she should wait until they finished coming in, *UPI* has reported.

Balan said she decided not to remove the teeth, as they don't cause her any pain.

She said dentists have determined her *Guinness World Record* might increase in the future, as she has two more teeth that have yet to emerge.

It seems health wonders won't cease with her as it's surprising she still has teeth to come in.

In a world obsessed with perfection, Balan stands out as a dental marvel, challenging the norm and redefining what it means to have a winning smile.

Perhaps a career in dental modelling could be a great next step for her.

Toothpaste, toothbrush and dental floss manufacturers would do well to hire Balan for their next advertising campaigns that could be posted across pharmacies around the world.

Pfizer vax update



PFIZER has come out in support of the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation's (ATAGI) updated statement on the COVID-19 Vaccination Program, which notes the recent increase in COVID-19 cases across Australia.

As the country experiences an eighth wave of the virus, Pfizer is working closely with the Govt to supply COVID-19 vaccines as quickly as possible.

Pfizer Australia & New Zealand Country Medical Director Dr Krishan Thiru emphasised the importance of vaccination and other preventative measures as the holiday season approaches.

"Being vigilant about staying up-to-date with vaccination and lowering our risk of infection is critical as we head into the holiday period and families and friends gather in large groups, or travel interstate and abroad.

"We are reminding Australians that COVID loves a crowd," Thiru remarked.

As the situation in Australia continues to evolve, Thiru urged people to follow the advice of health authorities. "We encourage everyone to continue being vigilant and heed the Govt's health advice".

ANZCAP's building blocks

THE Australian and New Zealand College of Advanced Pharmacy (ANZCAP) has launched its Independent Program, which offers Learning Experiences as building blocks for recognition portfolios that can be started by Australian pharmacists, regardless of their career stage or practice setting.

According to the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia President Tom Simpson, "the Independent Program marks the second pathway for recognition as an ANZCAP Resident, Registrar or Consultant (Fellow), following the Oct launch of the Foundation Program, which recognises prior professional experience and is now also available in New Zealand".

The program aims to recognise progression in each pharmacist and technician career, as well as the specialty practice areas that

practitioners are focusing on.

ANZCAP recognises Registrars or Consultants with one or two of 40 specialty areas.

"We've enjoyed seeing recognition photos spread organically on social media since the launch of ANZCAP on 2023 World Pharmacists Day," commented Simpson.

"Now, a dedicated section on 'Sharing your achievements' will help ensure pharmacists make the most of their digital badge, certificate and short recognition summaries, designed for personal and professional purposes."

The Independent Program will be followed by Resident and Registrar Training Programs, guiding fast-track recognition portfolio completion in two years, plus recognition for pharmacy technicians and students next year. *JG*

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