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#### Banks are staying positive on lending

AT THE Medici Capital & Attain's annual Pharmacy Industry Dinner, held at W Melbourne this month, attendees heard that "banks remain relatively positive towards lending to pharmacy, with some evidence of increasing volumes or transactions in the last few months".

Over 200 pharmacists, bankers, wholesalers, banner groups, and other industry participants from around Australia came together in what has been a difficult year for pharmacy.

Guest speakers included Ernest and Young (EY) partners, Mark Leslie and Peter Panatsos, who provided insights into the broader health market and economic conditions for larger transactions.

Leslie and Panatsos discussed the "significant decline in mergers and acquisitions volume and value" that they are witnessing in the broader transaction space, which is being caused by overall economic uncertainty.

However, the pipeline for deals is good, which provides optimism for the future, they added.

The EY presentation also covered different transaction types such as Earnouts and Deferred Payment structures, which is something that could be in pharmacy in the future.

Pharmacy bankers Frank, Christian, and Natalie Sirianni all spoke at the dinner, providing a pharmacy economic and market update to attendees.

#### Today's issue of *PD*

Pharmacy Daily today features three pages of news, plus a front cover wrap from BioCeuticals and full pages from:

- Neat Feat
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"A key message from the night was that now more than ever, it is important that pharmacy owners stay up-to-date with data to ensure they are making educated management decisions, while also understanding the broader context of the market they operate in," Natalie said.

At the dinner, Frank presented pharmacy financial data from 2006 to date, highlighting the trends over the years and how key market influences, such as interest rates, legislation, and economic changes have impacted pharmacy capitalisation rates over the years.

"With 60DD upon us, it is critical to review the impact on each pharmacy individually as the impact varies by location and pharmacy characteristics, and that is why it is critical to have up-to-date data for your pharmacy, so you can make informed decisions," Frank explained. *JG* 

#### Swiish finds 460 reasons to partner up

**WELLNESS** brand Swiish yesterday officially launched into Priceline's 460 stores.

Co-founder Maha Corbett said, "we wanted to find a major retailer for our customers and community to buy their Swiish essentials, it had to be the right partner, and the list was short, very short".

"There was only one name on it, and that was Priceline.

"We pitched to them and after many months we finally signed on the dotted line, what a moment!" Corbett concluded.

The brand was founded in 2012 by sisters Corbett and Sally Obermeder (pictured)



who is appearing on the *Real Housewives of Sydney*.

Obermeder was also a popular TV presenter on the *The Daily Edition* and is a best-selling author.



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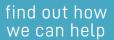
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#### Vic Pilot training opens



**ENROLMENT** is now open for two training modules that will support pharmacists to strengthen their knowledge of contraceptives and UTI management.

Launched by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA), the training modules, named 'Contraception Essentials' and 'Managing Uncomplicated Cystitis (Urinary Tract Infections)', will help prepare pharmacists participating in the Victorian Community Pharmacist Statewide Pilot, (PD 04 Aug).

The 12-month Pilot is aimed at testing an expanded role for community pharmacists, authorising the continued supply of oral contraceptive pills without a prescription, as well as the supply of antibiotics for uncomplicated urinary tract infections.

It is a mandatory requirement that pharmacists complete appropriate training, including PSA's Contraception Essentials, HERE, and Managing Uncomplicated Cystitis (Urinary Tract Infection), HERE, with both modules available to all Victorian pharmacists, and free for PSA members.

PSA Victoria President Dr Amy

Page has urged community pharmacists to complete the training as soon as possible.

"PSA is proud to build on our existing support for pharmacists to maximise opportunities to develop their practice and deliver high-quality care to patients as pharmacist scope continues to evolve," Page said.

"This is an exciting opportunity for community pharmacists to not only expand their scope but also to provide accessible care for those in rural and regional parts of our state," she added.

"These programs empower pharmacists with the knowledge and skills required to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Victorians while contributing to the success of the Victorian Community Pharmacist Statewide Pilot.

"This is about making sure that Victorians have access to safe healthcare when and where they need it," Page concluded.

The Australasian College of Pharmacy has also launched free training courses to its members to support the Vic Statewide Pilot, (PD 20 Oct). JG

#### Stroke of innovation

**THE** Heart Foundation has awarded \$13.9 million to health research, supporting 73 new projects that aim to leverage Australia's scientific expertise to save more lives from cardiovascular disease.

This year's projects will investigate some of the toughest and most insidious unsolved mysteries of cardiovascular disease, championing the cause for more advanced prevention, treatment, and management of heart disease, stroke, and blood vessel disease, with the goal of improving the lives of people of all ages and backgrounds.

Heart Foundation CEO David Lloyd said that the generosity of donors ensured the organisation could continue to help support vital research.

"These 73 innovative projects build on the Heart Foundation's strong legacy of supporting cardiovascular research since 1959," he said.

"The Heart Foundation supports research right across the spectrum - from work in fundamental biology that aims to discover the basic mechanisms of disease, to clinical research, to work in health services and public health - and it's pleasing to see that spread continues with this year's funding outcomes.

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#### Dispensary Corner

**CANADA'S** chief accessibility officer says her wheelchair was left in Toronto after she boarded an Air Canada flight over the weekend, describing the experience as "unacceptable".

Stephanie Cadieux said on X, formerly known as Twitter, that the national airline had forgotten her wheelchair.

She posted a photo of herself (pictured below) waiting in front of an Air Canada service desk in a replacement wheelchair, reported *Global News*.

Cadieux left Toronto last Fri and arrived at Vancouver airport without her wheelchair.

"I'm now without my essential equipment," Cadieux said.

"Independence taken away, I'm furious, unacceptable."

Several hours later, Air Canada commented on X again that her wheelchair was expedited and in transit.

"We're deeply sorry and want to discuss this with you.

"Accessibility is a priority; we're investigating internally as part of our commitment to do better," the airline wrote.



#### Survey on unmet care need for knee OA

A JOINT research initiative led by Curtin University will investigate the feasibility of community pharmacists taking a more active role in osteoarthritis (OA) care across Australia, consistent with the Australian Clinical Care Standard for knee OA.

In partnership with the University of Sydney, the University of Melbourne, the University of Otago, and the Auckland University of Technology, Curtin researchers will conduct a nationwide survey of community pharmacists to assess their preparedness and willingness to deliver high-value care to people living with knee OA.

Community pharmacist, academic and lead researcher Dr Kim Watkins, from the Curtin School of Allied Health, said for many Australians, community pharmacists are more accessible,



possibly making them an invaluable yet under-utilised resource.

"Despite the prevalence, impact, and cost of osteoarthritis, the quality of care in Australia falls short, and substantial gaps persist," Watkins explained.

"Many patients do not receive timely care to improve their function and manage pain, and the more than 6,000 community pharmacies across Australia could potentially play a more defined role in bridging these gaps.

"We need to investigate these possibilities by hearing from pharmacists - what do they think is feasible?" Watkins added.

Curtin Medical School coinvestigator and President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, Dr Fei Sim, said this critical information will help to better codesign health services and research in the future.

"We hope community pharmacists working at the coalface will tell us about their experiences, challenges, and opportunities to contribute to osteoarthritis care," Sim said.

Arthritis Australia Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Smithers said new ways needs to be found "to deliver healthcare to meet the huge unmet need of people living with osteoarthritis, and we believe community pharmacy can play an important role".

Pharmacists are encouraged to contribute to the research, **HERE**. *JG* 

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#### 1 Neat 3B Action Cream 75g & 100g

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#### 2 Neat 3B Extra Strength Sweat Rash & Chafing Cream

Sweat rashes and chafing aren't anything to be ashamed of. They happen to almost everyone at some point in our lives. But accepting that these issues are only natural doesn't take away from the stinging discomfort that comes with it. For some of us, standard sweat rash & chafing creams aren't strong enough to soothe or solve our sweat-related issues. That's why Neat 3B has come up with an extra strength action cream to power-up anti-perspiration and sweat rash prevention.

- 1. Perfect for active individuals
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