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## MM2015 success

**THE** Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia drew high praise from the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) for the successful administration of Medicines Management 2015, the 41st SHPA National Conference.

Held in Melbourne last weekend, more than 1,000 pharmacists from Australia and beyond attended.

One of the highlights of the conference was international guest speaker, Dr Catherine Duggan (PD 19 Nov) director of professional development and support at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, who was co-hosted by APC and SHPA.

Duggan spoke passionately about recognition of advanced practice and its importance as a key workforce development activity, saying "we are trying to positively shift the curve of workforce excellence".

## Pharmacists cut readmissions

**A PARTNERSHIP** between a hospital and community pharmacy in the US state of Washington is showing signs of significantly reducing readmissions of heart failure patients.

The program involves home visits from pharmacists in Seattle, with the 'Heart to Heart' trial also boosting medication adherence.

Under the scheme pharmacists from the Kelley-Ross Pharmacy Group visit patients with moderate to severe heart failure once a month for three months after hospital discharge, spending 60-90 minutes in each home on average.

The pharmacists explain medications and record details of their interactions in an electronic

health record system maintained by the Virginia Mason Heart Institute - which can be viewed by the patients' cardiologist and other members of the health care team.

The pilot will initially support 50 heart failure patients who are taking five or more medications, striving to reduce readmissions among these patients by half, and if successful the program will become part of the hospital's standard post-discharge care protocol.

## Novartis opening

**NOVARTIS** will today officially open its new "iconic" headquarters in Sydney's Macquarie Park, with health minister Sussan Ley officiating at the event.

MD Brian Gladsden said the facility "represents our local commitment as a leading pharmaceutical innovator and a genuine contributor to the health and wellbeing of Australians".

## FDA ticks Vonvendi

**THE** US FDA has approved Vonvendi, von Willebrand factor (recombinant) for use in the treatment and control of bleeding episodes in adults 18 years of age and older who have von Willebrand disease.

## 90 day supply issues

**NEW** Zealand's pharmaceutical industry regulatory body PHARMAC is facing calls to scrap its three-month supply system for some prescriptions, according to *Radio New Zealand News*.

Pharmacists are complaining that they cannot track patient usage, and the estimated wastage could amount to as much as \$40m each year according to some estimates.

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Name the red shade.

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Andrea Reuter from the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.



## MPS "Lean Six Sigma"

**MPS** Australia ceo Luke Fitzgerald is continuing to push the company's offering as the "DAA partner of choice," saying the MPS system's error rate is "significantly lower than any human packing process".

MPS now services 40,000 aged care residents and community customers, and the company is aiming for an error rate of four in every one million pouches by embarking on a culture of continuous improvement.

"The methodology that we will be using is Lean Six Sigma which specialises in facilitating the establishment of sustainable continuous improvement in organisations," Fitzgerald said.

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Website: [www.milanicosmetics.com.au](http://www.milanicosmetics.com.au)

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### Spring/Summer Collection - Superstar Nail Colour from Ulta3

Here's another stocking stuffer from Ulta3: their **Spring/Summer Collection - Superstar Nail Colour** is a nail polish with a bold colour range inspired by outer space and galaxies. This stand-out selection is available in six shades: Orbit, Plutonic, Comet (pictured), Meteorite, Galactic and Ozone forming part of the limited-edition Superstar Spring/Summer collection. Surprise the superstar in your life this Christmas with the full range.

Stockist: 1800 181 040

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Website: [www.heatgroup.com.au](http://www.heatgroup.com.au)

### AC ON TOUR Highlighting and Contouring Kit for Christmas by Australis

Australis **AC ON TOUR Highlighting and Contouring Kit** is a six-shade palette designed to accentuate and complement the natural curves of the face. The palette comes with a step-by-step guide to application as well as choosing the right shade for your skin tone. Available in Light (pictured), Medium and Dark, the kit also comes with a handy in-built mirror all at a very Christmas budget-friendly package price.

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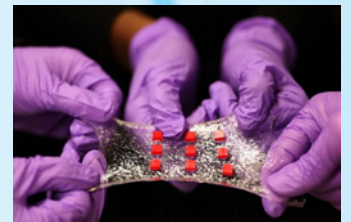
## DISPENSARY CORNER

**YOU** may soon be selling smart bandages developed by researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

According to a *Wired* report, the university scientists have been working on creating what they refer to as "the Band-Aid of the future".

The smart bandages (**below**) incorporate a sticky, stretchy hydrogel that includes temperature sensors, LED lights and drug delivery channels that can release medicines in response to body temperature changes.

They even light up when the medicine is running low, alerting the wearer that it may be time to replace the sticky stretchy thing.



**A HAIRDRESSER** in Spain has become a YouTube sensation after a report on internet channel "The Young Turks" which showcases his unique methods which include the use of swords and fire.

Alberto Olmedo asks guests if they're after a "smoking new look," and highlights the mathematical precision of his method where he uses two swords simultaneously to ensure an even hairdo.

"Hairdressers usually cut one side, and then the other - and one side is always a bit different from the other," he says.

Using a range of daggers and swords as well as metal claws and blowtorches he creates unique styles, admitting his techniques can be a "bit medieval" - see [youtube.com](http://youtube.com).



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