

Registration reminder

THE Pharmacy Board of Australia reminds pharmacists to renew their registration by the 30 Nov expiry date, in its latest Communiqué issued earlier this week which also detailed the new CPD registration standard (**PD** yesterday).

As at 30 Oct, 31% of pharmacists had renewed, 99.9% of whom had completed the procedure online.

A series of reminders are being sent to practitioners by the AHPRA.

CLICK HERE to renew online.

WIN with Hydralyte

This week **Pharmacy Daily** and **Hydralyte** are giving away a Hydralyte pack each day.

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Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Sadie Pope from APE Distribution.

NSW pharmacist banned

NEWCASTLE pharmacist Nicholas Orr has been prosecuted by the Health Care Complaints Commission, over allegations that he "dishonestly misappropriated drugs including OxyContin and Endone from the pharmacy".

According to the case heard by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Orr also made false and incorrect entries in the drug register of a pharmacy where he was employed in Charlestown.

41-year-old Orr failed to participate at the hearing.

Discrepancies in the S8 Drug Register were noted by his employer in August of 2013 and advised to the Pharmacy Council of New South Wales.

In September 2013, after further investigations, and having been advised by Orr's psychiatrist that he was an inpatient in a private hospital, the Council imposed conditions on his registration as a pharmacist including that he was not to practice.

In November of 2013, Orr was admitted to hospital for removal of a benign brain tumour diagnosed some years previously, and subsequently again admitted to hospital for mental health reasons, the report read.

Taking into account the defendant's non-participation in the hearing and failure to respond

Stride out 4 stroke

THE National Stroke Foundation is calling upon runners and walkers across Australia to stride it out this November to help fight stroke, via a 'Stride 4 Stroke' fundraiser.

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Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news, plus a full page from **Pharmacy 4 Less**.

No EpiPen problems

MYLAN says it has sufficient supplies of its EpiPen auto-injector to meet any anticipated demand for the product, in the light of the nationwide US withdrawal of Sanofi's Auvi-Q (**PD** yesterday).

Sanofi said its Auvi-Q injector had been found to potentially have inaccurate dosage delivery, and those affected by the US recall are advised to contact their healthcare providers to obtain a prescription for an alternative product.

Halloween mixup

A PHARMACY in Quebec City, Canada is making headlines after accidentally giving quetiapine tablets to children who visited the store while "trick or treating" for Halloween.

According to a police spokesman, seven individually wrapped pills somehow found their way into a bowl of lollies, after a woman dropped her 17-year-old son's medicine by mistake as she was leaving the pharmacy.

Another customer saw the tablets on the floor and put them on the counter next to the candy basket, and then an employee mistakenly mixed the plastic bags of bipolar medication with the sweets.

It's not clear whether the children actually took the pills.

Harvoni AusPAR

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has published a new Australia Public Assessment Report for prescription medicines covering Harvoni (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir) - see www.tga.gov.au.

PSA delisting advice

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia has issued information for consumers in the light of the PBS delisting of 17 types of medicines effective 01 Jan (**PD** Mon).

PSA president Joe Demarte said people who normally access these medications - such as paracetamol and aspirin - via a PBS prescription will now need to discuss the change with their pharmacist and be well prepared before it is effective.

"Pharmacists know from previous experience that significant changes to PBS rules can create a number of problems for patients and carers.

"We are concerned about the financial impact in accessing some of these medicines, as they may end up costing patients more due to the delisting," he said, with consumers set to reach the Safety Net later due to the change.

MEANWHILE GlaxoSmithKline director Healthcare Environment, David Herd, has confirmed that Panadol Osteo will no longer be reimbursed, saying the 01 Jan 2016 timeframe is "challenging".

He said GSK will work with health professionals to "ensure consumers can continue to receive Panadol Osteo as a first line treatment for their osteoarthritis pain".

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DISPENSARY CORNER

PROFESSIONAL soccer players have "worryingly poor teeth," according to a new study published in the *British Journal of Sports Medicine*.

Despite their astronomical salaries, the players apparently shy away from visiting the dentist, with the research finding that almost 40% of a sample of 187 players from eight clubs in England and Wales had cavities.

That was significantly more than the general population, while 53% of the footballers had dental erosion, 45% said they were bothered by the state of their teeth and 7% even said it had affected their playing ability.

"These are individuals who otherwise invest so much in themselves, so it's a surprising finding," said one of the scientists, Professor Ian Needleman.

He said some had quite serious problems, while others were more minor, such as sensitivity to cold.

However "at this level of athlete even small differences can be quite telling," Needleman said.

The researchers speculated that the oral health issues could be because the players consumed high levels of sugar or acidic foods during training.

HAVING a pet dog may help prevent asthma, according to a Swedish study which found that canine exposure in the first year of life was linked to a 13% lower risk of asthma in later childhood.

The findings, reported in the *JAMA Pediatrics* journal, followed a large study which tracked 650,000 children, and support the hypothesis that pets can boost the immune system.

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