

Today's issue of PD

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

Aspen squeaky clean

ASPEN Pharmacare has released a statement to customers & suppliers clarifying its anti-corruption policies and procedures.

The company has reiterated its commitment to conducting business in an ethical and honest manner, thus protecting the name and reputation of the Aspen Group.

Deloitte Tip-offs Anonymous was commissioned by the company in 2003 to provide a service to enable stakeholders an "identity-secure anonymous pathway" to report any suspected unethical behaviour on the part of an Aspen employee, by calling 1800 623 752.

Pharmacy confidence up

COMMUNITY pharmacy confidence has improved markedly according to the results of the latest wave of the UTS Community Pharmacy Barometer conducted in Sep.

With a focus on the recently signed Sixth community pharmacy agreement (CPA) the barometer evaluated dispensing remuneration changes, discount on patient contributions, caps on services, remuneration for service providers and the concept of pharmacists working in medical practices.

201 pharmacists drawn from the IMS Health panel participated in the survey producing a confidence score of 93 out of 200 compared with last year's score of 69, possibly due to the stabilising effect of the Sixth Agreement.

The score was still under the half way mark of 100 indicating a "neutral" outlook as opposed to an optimistic one, said Professor Charlie Benrimoj, Head of UTS Graduate School of Health.

This suggests pharmacists are yet to be fully confident of the economic and professional implications as they transition from a focus on margins to a service driven paradigm, he said.

"The 6th CPA, although providing a more stable foundation for the industry in the area of dispensing remuneration, will

inevitably produce much change in community pharmacy.

"If it does not, the future of community pharmacy as a provider of health services will be damaged."

Compared with the previous two waves of 2013 and 2014, pharmacists believe their pharmacy value will remain the same (38%) or increase in value (19%) - both indicators up from earlier studies.

PSA director and expert panellist Warwick Plunkett said "The UTS Community Pharmacy Barometer highlights the fact that community pharmacist employees, community pharmacy owners and managers, and the pharmaceutical industry cannot continue with the current business and professional model.

"A number of major reforms have, and will continue to have, impact on the delivery, focus and funding of health in Australia."

The UTS Community Pharmacy Barometer is sponsored by Bankwest.

Pictured are left to right, Patrick O'Neill from Bankwest Business, Prof Charlie Benrimoj, Mario Saia and Sandeep Grover, also from Bankwest Business.



New ASMI Board

THE Australian Self-Medication Industry this morning announced its new board of directors, following the organisation's annual general meeting which took place today.

Members include Rob Barnes of Aspen PharmaCare, Shayne Byrne from Perrigo, Lindsay Forrest of Lindsay Forrest Consultant, Takeda's James Jones, Phil Lynch of Johnson & Johnson Pacific, Ego Pharmaceuticals ceo Alan Oppenheim, Elizabeth Reynolds from GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, Paul Rose of Pfizer and Mark Sargent of Bayer Australia.

Mark Sargent is the interim chairman until the first board meeting at which office bearers will be formally elected.

The ASMI annual conference, titled "Innovating to a Self Care Future" is also taking place today in Sydney.

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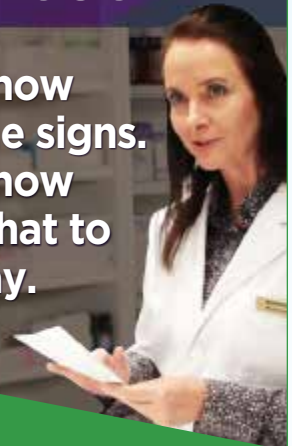
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DISPENSARY CORNER

DAD jokes aren't usually very funny - but the humour may go right out of them once you hear the results of a study published in the *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*.

The University College London research claims that an increasingly warped sense of humour could be an early warning sign of looming dementia.

A survey of the family and friends of 48 patients found that many had noticed a change in sense of humour of sufferers many years before they were diagnosed - including inappropriate laughter at tragic events.

They postulated that it could be a sign of the development of frontotemporal dementia which often sees patients lose some of their inhibitions.

THE latest hot beauty trend is apparently spray-on nail polish.

The innovation, from British group Nails Inc. is appropriately titled "The Paint Can" (**pictured**) and is touted as being the world's fastest manicure, taking just 20 seconds.



It only comes in two colours - shiny silver and hot pink - and involves using a base coat and then spraying the product from a distance of 10-15cm as evenly as possible over the fingers or toes.

Despite what you might think, it doesn't create lots of mess, with any excess polish on the skin said to be easily removed with water.

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