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NATIONAL Charity Cup

Australian Pharmacy Students’ Association (NAPSA) has announced the commencement of its Charity Cup 2016 campaign this year working to support those battling with cystic fibrosis. All eighteen NAPSA branches and their members are planning to raise awareness and much needed funds for this year’s chosen charity, Cystic Fibrosis Australia.

“Cystic Fibrosis Australia holds a place dear to each NAPSA members heart, as one of our own members, Morgan Gollan, who just graduated pharmacy, is amazing, battling Cystic Fibrosis everyday,” said NAPSA Pharmacy Awareness Chair Sandra Minas.

NAPSA is calling upon pharmacy suppliers to contribute to Charity Cup 2016.

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Prescribing on Board radar

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Vigorexx safety alert

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has issued a safety advisory on Vigorexx tablets and Super Bull 6000 Herbal capsules, saying both products may have been bought online by Australians and pose a serious risk to health.

Super Bull 6000 capsules contain sildenafil while Vigorexx tablets are made using an analogue of sildenafil while Vigorexx tablets


Pharma targeting nurses

HOSPITAL-BASED nursing staff are being targeted by drugmakers to influence hospital purchasing decisions, according to a new research released by the University of Sydney’s Faculty of Pharmacy and Charles Perkins Centre.

The study of 56 nurses working in four US-based acute care hospitals over a two year period between 2012 and 2014 saw participants report an average of 13 interactions with industry representatives.

The faculty’s Dr Quinn Grundy said while medical devices were a key focus of the meetings, more than half of the interactions were with pharmaceutical reps while 21% related to health technology.

“Most study participants - 64 per cent - cited examples where nurses had influenced treatment and purchasing decisions,” Grundy said.

“There’s no evidence of practice change, even if you had this extraordinary amount of interaction,” Grundy said.

However 70% of nurses reported challenges with these relationships, such as struggling to ensure sales reps adhered to hospital policy, biased information sources, the introduction of unapproved devices, lack of accountability for product failure, and threats to patient safety and privacy.

Medicines Australia figures from the first half of 2009 indicated that nurses were present at 55% of hospital meetings, with 30% of these in the first quarter of 2009.

The prestigious award is presented annually to recognise outstanding contributions by those who work in the Australian medicines industry.

Win with Plunkett

This week Pharmacy Daily and Plunketts are giving away a John Plunkett Dark Spot Eraser and Facial Cleanser everyday.

New John Plunkett Dark Spot Eraser is a concentrated serum with Eventone Complex™ – a blend of multiple actives to visibly lighten pigmentation and boost your skin’s health and radiance, plus it’s easy to incorporate into your daily skincare routine with guaranteed results. RRP $39.95.


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