

The future of integrated pharmacy management has arrived – Fred NXT

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## NMS kicks off in ACT

**THE** 2016 National Medicines Symposium was opened in Canberra yesterday with a keynote address from CSIRO Senior Principal Scientist Dr Stefan Hajkowitz.

He identified rising chronic disease, ageing populations and related health sector challenges as key trends set to impact the globe.



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## Missed service opportunity

**THE** Pharmacy Guild has released figures which show that on average pharmacies are missing out on up to \$25,000 in income from professional services every year.

The data was collated from pharmacies which had undertaken the Opportunity Analysis under the Guild's Health Advice Plus program which aims to support pharmacies developing professional services.

100% of participating pharmacies were under-utilising their full opportunity in compliance and new-to-therapy programs, while 90% of pharmacies were found to have opportunities to increase their prescription reminder services such as MedAdvisor, Healthnotes and

MemoCare.

The Opportunity Analysis also found most pharmacies have a unique professional service that remains dormant within their business, with the most common category being weight management.

The Health Advice Plus program offers three tiers of support - Bronze, Silver and Gold - depending on the budget and needs of individual pharmacies.

There are currently ten modules linked to the program.

## Nationals commit

**NATIONAL** Party leader Barnaby Joyce has made a commitment reaffirming his party's ongoing support of community pharmacies.

An open letter from Joyce released by the Pharmacy Guild this week says the current pharmacy ownership laws "deliver a diverse ownership base of thousands of small business proprietors, rather than concentrating pharmacies in the hands of a handful of large corporates".

Joyce said the owner-operated model means the health of regional Australians is put first and foremost by small business proprietors who live in and invest in their local communities.

## Phcy Connect speaker

**UK** based pharmacist and director of MD Healthcare (UK), Mark Duman has been announced as the keynote speaker at Pharmacy Connect to be held from 09 to 11 Sep at Four Points by Sheraton in Sydney - **CLICK HERE** for details.

## GSK Panadol recall

**POTENTIAL** contamination has prompted GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) to recall three batches of Children's Panadol 5-12 years suspension supplied in 200mL bottles (**PD** breaking news yesterday).

The affected batch numbers are 136418 and 136444 (both strawberry flavour) as well as 136443 (orange flavour), all with an expiry date of Feb 2018.

Pharmacies have been advised to quarantine any affected stock, with no other batches, bottle sizes or products affected by the recall.

Visit [www.tga.gov.au](http://www.tga.gov.au) for details.

## Pharmacy 777 takes it to the streets

**WA'S** Pharmacy 777 at Nollamara hosted a street party to celebrate its being named as Guild Pharmacy of the Year 2016 at APP (**PD** 18 Mar).

More than 500 people from the area attended the event, with pharmacist Sam Afsar (**pictured** in front of the crowd) saying it was a way to thank the patients "without whom the

pharmacy would not have been able to reach the heights of success it has".



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**19-20 May:** National Medicines Symposium 2016; Canberra Convention and Exhibition Centre; for more info go to: [www.nps.org.au](http://www.nps.org.au)

**21-22 May:** Critical Care Foundation Seminar; Novotel Brisbane; details at: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)

**28-29 May:** Medication Management in Geriatric Care Seminar; Rydges Sydney Central; for more info visit: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)

**29 May:** PSA WA Annual Seminar 2016; Pan Pacific Perth Hotel; more info at: [www.psa.org.au](http://www.psa.org.au)

**4-5 Jun:** Critical Care Foundation Seminar; Crowne Plaza Melbourne; details at: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)

**7-9 Jun:** 15th National Immunisation Conference; Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre; details at: [www.phaa.net.au](http://www.phaa.net.au)

**17-19 Jun:** ConPharm 2016; Hilton, Adelaide; more info at: [www.aacp.com.au](http://www.aacp.com.au)

**11-12 Jul:** 11th Asia Pacific Diabetes Conference and Expo; Brisbane; visit: [www.conferenceseries.com](http://www.conferenceseries.com)

**14-16 Jul:** 5th Global Pharmacists Annual Meeting; Brisbane; details at: [www.conferenceseries.com](http://www.conferenceseries.com)

**22-24 Jul:** Foundation Clinical Pharmacy Practice Seminar; InterContinental Adelaide Hotel; for more info visit: [www.cpd.shpa.org.au](http://www.cpd.shpa.org.au)

## Chemist Warehouse app

**CHEMIST** Warehouse looks set to debut a new smartphone app described as an "innovative medication management and reminder platform" for busy people who want to take better control of their health.

Now available for download on the Apple iTunes store, the app requires users to register with their local Chemist Warehouse store, at which point they will receive an activation code via SMS.

Customers are able to view their complete list of medications, with the number of days of dosage remaining and repeat details.

"With a very easy to use 'refill' button you can request that your prescription be dispensed ahead of time so that it can be ready for you when you arrive at the store," the app description notes.

Notifications are sent to patients' phones when they need a refill, along with reminders to visit the doctor when a repeat is required.

The app also offers "click & collect" shopping, exclusive



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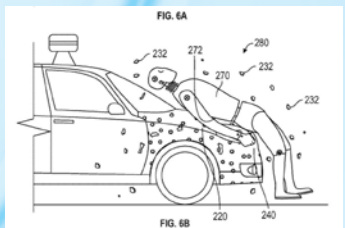
**INTERNET** giant Google has made a significant new contribution to road safety by patenting the concept of a "sticky layer" on the front of vehicles which could help protect any pedestrians its self-driving cars accidentally run into.

"Ideally, the adhesive coating on the front portion of the vehicle may be activated on contact and will be able to adhere to the pedestrian nearly instantaneously," the patent documents state.

This would "help to constraint the movement of the pedestrian, until the driver of the vehicle (or the vehicle itself in the case of an autonomous vehicle) reacts to the incident and applies the brakes".

In turn that could mean both the vehicle and pedestrian may come to a more gradual stop than if the pedestrian bounces off the vehicle.

The document doesn't describe how the lucky passenger could become unstuck from the car.



**SO-CALLED** magic mushrooms have helped a small group of experimental subjects overcome depression, according to a study published in *The Lancet* journal.

The fungi contain hallucinogenic chemicals and eight of the 12 patients studied in the research were no longer depressed after the "mystical and spiritual experience" caused by the drug.

Experts welcomed the findings but said the low number of participants meant further trials were required.

## WIN WITH kids

This week Pharmacy Daily and Key Sun are giving readers each day the chance to win a prize pack including Key Sun All Naturals Kids Sunshine D + Vitamin D and Calcium + Magnesium.



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Kids lozenges provide a great tasting all-natural treat that kids love. Find out more [HERE](#).

To win, be the first from VIC or TAS to send the correct answer to the question to [comp@pharmacydaily.com.au](mailto:comp@pharmacydaily.com.au)



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Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Sue Gayton from LiveLife Pharmacy Group.

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